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COMPLIMENTS OF

Mark A. Hearn,

CITY CLERK.



PRESENTED BY

Mr. Calvin Page.







ARTHUR J. SEAVEY, MAYOR.

FIFTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

City of Somersworth

CONTAINING

MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS, AN ACCOUNT OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, THE REPORTS OF
THE CITY OFFICIALS, AND THE VITAL
STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR
ENDING MARCH 1, 1898.



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VALEDICTORY ADDRESS
OF
BENJAMIN F. HANSON,
MAYOR OF SOMERSWORTH,
TO THE CITY COUNCILS,
MARCH 15, 1898.



VALEDICTORY ADDRESS.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., March 14, 1898.

To the City Councils:

Gentlemen:—I shall not attempt at this time to occupy but a very short space of your time, but in as brief and simple a manner as possible review the work accomplished during the last municipal year.

Much good work has been done, but still, like many retiring administrative boards, I feel that not as much has been accomplished as ought to have been; however, under the circumstances that have existed, we have been obliged to be content with less permanent improvements than what we ourselves had expected at the beginning of the year, but however much or little may have been done, I can only say we have done the best we could, and the incoming administration, let us hope, may profit by the successes and failures of the past.

GENERAL DEBT.

The general debt of the city at the beginning of the financial year of 1897 was one hundred seventeen thousand seven hundred dollars (\$117,700.00), and during the year it has been increased to one hundred twenty thousand six hundred dollars, (\$120,600.00) an increase of twenty-nine hundred dollars (\$2,900.00).

To account for this increase let us carefully look over the affairs of the city, and then consider whether or not such could have been avoided. At the beginning of the year we were confronted, at the very first, with outstanding bills to the amount of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00); in the very early spring we were visited by the heaviest freshet ever known in this part of the country, which, coming at the time when the frost was just coming from the ground, the streets being soft,

and with the enormous flood of water, our streets and culverts were heavily damaged, causing an extremely heavy outlay of about fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00); and then again we were forced to lay a few hundred feet of sewer, forming a connection from the top of Foundry Hill, by or near the M. C. Burleigh house, and running through Main street to a connection on Indigo Hill road, costing about six hundred and fifty dollars (\$650.00), with the receivers. Then again in the winter we were visited by a tremendously heavy snow-storm, costing twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00), and still other expensive troubles, such as the water commissioners controversy, conflicting between the two political parties, costing one thousand dollars, making a total expenditure entirely unlooked for of about five thousand five hundred and fifty dollars (\$5,550.00), which, added to the cost of the Roberts flowage case in the brick-yard district, of four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450.00), makes a total of unlooked-for expense of about six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00).

Now at the beginning, when the appropriations were made for the year, they were sixty-nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$69,200.00) and we must admit that to be able to keep the rate as low as possible, and try to keep it within the two-dollar limit, it was voted to raise by taxation sixty-two thousand dollars (\$62,000.00), leaving a balance of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) to be paid from moneys in the treasury. The unlooked-for expense of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) added to the amount to be paid from moneys in treasury, not to be raised by taxation, of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00), making a total of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000.00) to be paid out, and with but little resource by which to obtain it; hence the small increase of the general indebtedness of twenty-nine hundred dollars (\$2,900.00) which I submit is an extraordinary good showing, of which we ought to feel quite proud.

WATER WORKS.

Our water works system is fast nearing completion, and without doubt in thirty days will be in full operation, but perhaps not fully graded and grassed over until in the late spring

or early summer, when it is expected that we shall be operating the finest water works system in New England.

Without doubt it is fully well understood that the city councils have little or nothing to do with the water works construction, only to raise money and pay it out to suit the convenience of the committee on water supply and the engineers; or, in other words, they are the fifth wheel in the water works coach. With all that may be said of the fine structure and the fine system when completed, yet the city is suffering, and has suffered continuously for the last five months, in its losses of water rentals. It has been a very cumbersome procedure and very detrimental as far as the city's interests are concerned, for its success depends on the rentals and extensions in order to obtain revenues to meet the heavy running expenses and large interest accounts.

The water works debt has increased during the year nineteen thousand one hundred and sixty-six dollars and eighty-six cents (\$19,166.86), making the debt at close of the financial year one hundred and seventy-seven thousand forty-seven dollars and fifty-five cents.

Total indebtedness of water works..	\$177,047 55
Rentals from water works up to March 1, 1898.....	11,531 05

CITY INDEBTEDNESS.

School-house notes.....	\$ 4,000 00
General debt.....	120,600 00
Water works debt.....	177,047 55

Total indebtedness March 1, 1898.....	\$301,647 55
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STREETS, SEWERS AND DRAINS.

It was our intention at the beginning of the year to macadamize Main street from the city hall to Franklin street, and was so recommended, but owing to the heavy expenditures in the early spring by the freshet and the large amount of unpaid bills handed down to our administration, together with the necessity of building a new bridge across the river to the stone crusher (which according to the best of information I could ob-

tain, to make a permanent and substantial bridge would cost, at least, eighteen hundred dollars), so it was decided best for us not to attempt any macadamizing during the year, but to devote as little money to the streets as possible, only to keep them cleaned and patched up, making them passable and as near satisfactory as possible under the circumstances, and devote more time and expense to our sidewalks, which, without doubt, were in the worst condition ever known, and with this in view, large sums of money have been expended on the walks, greatly improving them, and if they are improved as much in the next year I think they will be gotten into good condition again; however, I am well aware that some misappropriations and mistakes have been made, for instance the committee on streets, sewers and drains have made great outlays in the purchase of curbstones and flagging, and have devoted much time to setting edge-stones in various places, and to such extent that they have been unable to complete the walks; therefore the city, to receive the best results, will be obliged to carry out many of the various plans already begun, which I sincerely hope may be done, with certain variations.

Instead of carrying on the work of concreting I am greatly in hopes the incoming board will think the city's interests lay in something more substantial, and I would recommend to the city councils the adoption of an ordinance for the laying of all walks (not including sharp inclines) of brick. It is true it is more expensive at the beginning, but for a term of years I am of the opinion they are cheaper.

It is a singular instance, but nevertheless true, that the only great differences of opinion that have existed between your chief executive and any of the subordinate officers, which could not be eradicated, has been with the committee on streets, sewers and drains. At the beginning I had the mistaken idea that the mayor was a member of that committee, but after a careful examination of the ordinance I found my mistake; but at the beginning of the year the mayor and the committee on streets, sewers and drains were all of the same opinion of the amounts of edgestone and curbing which should be bought, that is, we should buy what was needed for the city's

use, and also on the material for building walks it was the unanimous opinion that brick should be used, unless on very steep grades, and there concrete. All went well until Mr. Chase of Lawrence, Mass., put in an appearance soliciting for his concrete, when two members of the committee suddenly changed their views, between concrete and brick, and without consulting the third member of their committee or the mayor, set themselves to work to concrete the whole city. The third member of the committee abandoned the committee and work also, leaving the mayor alone to battle the two remaining members of the committee who had been so suddenly brought to believe that Mr. Chase made the earth and it must be concreted or they would be forever lost. Things went hot for awhile, concrete and all, until being exasperated, I utterly refused to sign another order for the payment of concrete work by any other parties except our own people who might be in the concrete business. Mr. Chase suddenly moved out of the city, and then the two members of the committee went into the stone speculation (for the city, of course), buying stone "to beat the band" and the city also, so that we have 2,500 to 3,000 feet of edgestones set with walks uncompleted. We have, I think, four carloads of stone on hand, on which we are paying storage (and unpaid for), also several hundred feet in Biddeford, not yet delivered, so says Mr. Andrews, the stone man, in presence of Mr. Murray, one member of the committee, but I sincerely hope the city will repudiate and refuse to receive any more stone from Mr. Andrews for the simple reason if they happen to need more stone the city can buy for less money than has been paid Mr. Andrews; besides, I am sure the city is under no further obligations to Mr. Andrews only to pay for the stone on hand, and by an agreement is to be paid in June; but if the committee have been buying stock for future delivery and as a speculation, let them take care of it themselves, as they have no legal rights beyond their term of office.

BONDING DEBT.

It has been my purpose to try and bond the general indebted-

edness of the city during the year, but after making two false attempts I abandoned the idea because I found that I was checkmated in the council chamber, and could not do so, but the incoming administration will not be handicapped, and I shall hope before the expiration of the municipal year on which we are about to enter, the entire indebtedness of the city will be bonded as the city councils may think best. The city's entire indebtedness, with the exception of two school-house notes, which were fixed at a rate of six per cent. interest some years ago, there are only two other notes outstanding against the city for more than four per cent. interest, and those are short time notes and given at five per cent., so the city is not suffering from the payment of an excessive rate of interest, but the sooner the debt is bonded the sooner the people will settle down to a state of satisfaction and contentment.

FATALITY.

Our city has, during the last municipal year for which I have had the honor of serving as your chief executive, been extremely unfortunate in the line of fatalities, unlike many preceding years in its history of crime, on account of the atrocious murder of our esteemed and highly-respected city treasurer, Joseph A. Stickney, the poor old gentleman, barely able to walk alone, to be watched and caught alone, and, entirely unable to help or defend himself, to be knocked down and his throat cut from ear to ear by a villain who knew his infirmities, and knew the kind heart of his victim well, who by the asking would have been kindly assisted from his own purse, adds to the atrocity of the crime, and in the pages of our future history will be one of the blackest and most lamentable. Then again in the early summer, two cases of smothering in what is known as the Marshall sand-pit, and a little later by a case of accidental drowning of a boy near the gas bridge; still later by the accidental drowning of another boy near Mast Point dam, making four accidental deaths and one murder.

To the members of the board of aldermen and common council of 1897, the officers with whom I have been associated, and the citizens in general, I want to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks for their kind assistance in the fulfilment of my obligations as your chief executive. It has been my great pleasure at all times in receiving good counsel and advice, and a general and hearty support from all, regardless of political shades or party prejudices.

To his honor, Mayor Seavey, the board of aldermen and common council of 1898, let me extend to you all in behalf of the retiring members of the council of 1897 and the citizens of Somersworth, our best wishes and cordial support. May your administration be crowned with success. Let me urge upon you the necessity of being united in your efforts, keeping a due restraint for the trust confided in you, lend to the administration your best efforts and true convictions, and you will surely be entitled to the support of every good and fair-minded citizen.

There are no outstanding bills against the city, and you have a good democratic majority in both branches of the city government, and nothing seemingly can deter you from giving us one of the cleanest and best administrations that we have ever had since the adoption of our city charter. We surely wish you much joy and success.



INAUGURAL ADDRESS
OF
ARTHUR J. SEAVEY,
MAYOR OF SOMERSWORTH,
TO THE CITY COUNCILS,
MARCH 15, 1898.



INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Councils:

According to the usual custom, I desire to submit for your consideration my views on some of the questions which you will be called upon to decide during the coming year.

CITY DEBT.

Our municipal debt at the close of the fiscal year amounted to practically \$310,000.00. This debt is in the form of notes drawing interest at four per cent., and was for the following purposes :

For school department.....	\$ 4,000 00
For municipal notes (so called).....	120,600 00
For water works.....	179,347 55
Total.....	<hr/> \$303,947 55

There is due on the water works contract however, \$5,700, which added to the above amount makes a total of \$309,647.55.

By bonding this debt a large amount could be saved annually, and I recommend that the matter be given immediate attention, so that as soon as the filter bed is completed the councils may be ready to act in the matter.

SCHOOLS.

The schools of our city are far above the average, and this standard should be maintained.

The best results however, cannot be expected from either teachers or pupils when huddled in too close quarters. While our present financial condition would under ordinary circumstances lead me to advise delay, I am satisfied that the health of the school children of the city demands increased school room.

The city needs a new grammar school building, and any effort on your part looking to the erection of a plain, substantial structure suitable for the purpose, and in keeping with the dignity of the city, will have my hearty co-operation. Without doubt the board of education will render valuable advice on this matter and any suggestion on its part should be given careful consideration.

STREET LIGHTS.

Another important question that will come before you for action, during the year, is the matter of street lighting. The present contract expires in the latter part of the year, and action should be taken early, in order that every member of these councils may be fully informed before the matter is finally decided.

Our sister cities of Dover and Rochester have, after investigation, deemed it wise to renew their contracts, but at a lower rate per light per year. There is some sentiment in favor of a municipal plant among our citizens, and it would seem the part of wisdom to make a practical investigation into the matter before any action is taken.

My only recommendation at this time is that the exact figures be ascertained as regards a renewal of the present contract, and the cost of putting in a municipal plant, its maintenance, and the average wear and tear. With this information we can, after taking into consideration our experience in municipal management and the present indebtedness of the city, arrive at a decision that cannot fail to satisfy our taxpayers, whose business we are transacting.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Our financial condition demands rigid economy. In making up the appropriation bill only the absolute needs of the city can be considered.

GENERAL.

So far as I can learn from the limited investigation that I have been permitted to make, the other departments of the

city are in good working order, and call for no special comment at this time.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I desire to say that neither the mayor or councils can expect to have the business of the city transacted in a manner that will satisfy the taxpayer unless the officers selected to carry out the policy of these boards are honest and capable men. In acknowledging my appreciation of the honor paid me by my fellow citizens I promise that so far as I am concerned, their business shall be conducted on business principles for the best interests of the city. In a word, I shall try and do my duty.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

MARCH 9, 1897.

The following is a statement of the vote in Ward 1, as declared by the moderator at the closing of the polls, on the ninth day of March, 1897:

MAYOR.

Benjamin F. Hanson.....	96
John N. Haines.....	124

ALDERMAN.

Arthur J. Seavey.....	100
Asher G. Coombs.....	120

COUNCILMAN. (3 YRS.)

Charles F. Blake.....	94
Calvin H. Weymouth.....	127

WARD CLERK.

Charles E. Andrews.....	90
Fred H. Cutts*	130

MODERATOR.

Nathan Wimpfheimer.....	90
Charles M. Dorr.....	130

MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD. (3 YRS.)

William W. Nason.....	90
Leonard O. Day.....	130

*Removed from Ward. Harry Libby elected to fill vacancy March 10, 1898.

SELECTMEN.

Lowell M. Jackson.....	92
Edmond Malo.....	90
Richard J. Gibbons.....	92
Joseph A. Cote.....	132
John H. Blaisdell.....	133
Edgar W. Wentworth.....	133

The following is a statement of the vote in Ward 2, as declared by the moderator at the closing of the polls, on the ninth day of March, 1897:

MAYOR.

Charles W. Mellen.....	1
Benjamin F. Hanson.....	96
John N. Haines.....	150

ALDERMAN.

Thomas F. Marston.....	94
Charles H. Harmon.....	154

COUNCILMAN. (3 YRS.)

T. F. Marston.....	1
Dennis Sullivan.....	92
George F. Symes.....	156

WARD CLERK.

Charles K. Drew.....	91
Alfred W. Durgin.....	157

MODERATOR.

Thomas Ritchie.....	94
William F. Russell.....	153

SELECTMEN.

Joseph A. Hill.....	94
Charles G. Thompson.....	93
Eugene Burke.....	93
William B. Martin.....	155
Loren D. Casler.....	155
Walter L. Butterfield.....	155

The following is a statement of the vote in Ward 3, as declared by the moderator, at the closing of the polls, on the ninth day of March, 1897:

MAYOR.

John N. Haines	73
Benjamin F. Hanson	94

ALDERMAN.

Paul A. Rainville.....	2
William H. Wingate.....	77
George E. Hanson.....	86

COUNCILMAN. (3 YRS.)

Daniel Sanborn.....	1
Calvin M. Hubbard.....	68
Paul A. Rainville	98

COUNCILMAN. (2 YRS.)

Daniel Sanborn.....	72
Edward J. Perusse.....	94

WARD CLERK.

Oswald Gastonguay.....	2
Allie Tapscott.....	81
John A. Perreault.....	82

MODERATOR.

Edward J. Perusse.....	82
John Rowan*	83

SELECTMEN.

Octave Demers.....	3
Louis Ruel.....	79
Isaiah D. Corliss.....	82
Jeremiah Lord.....	83
Frank J. Austin†	83
Charles Drapeau.....	83
John E. Hannegan.....	83

The following is a statement of the vote in Ward 4, as declared by the moderator, at the closing of the polls, on the ninth day of March, 1897:

MAYOR.

John N. Haines	63
Benjamin F. Hanson.....	204

ALDERMAN.

James A. Locke.....	126
John Murray.....	140

COUNCILMAN.

Alphonse E. Demers.....	70
James A. Flanagan.....	191

WARD CLERK.

Fred E. Prue.....	71
Dennis Shanahan.....	194

*Resigned Jan. 18, 1898. Paul A. Rainville elected by City Councils Jan. 18, 1898.

†Elected by City Councils Jan. 18, 1898.

SELECTMEN.

John Kershaw	70
Peter King.....	71
Charles S. Fountain.....	74
John Loughlin.....	192
Itienne Roberge.....	192
Stephen Collins.....	192

The following is a statement of the vote in Ward 5, as declared by the moderator at the closing of the polls, on the ninth day of March, 1897:

MAYOR.

John N. Haines	53
Benjamin F. Hanson.....	90

ALDERMAN.

William Illingsworth.....	56
Fred P. Harmon.....	89

COUNCILMAN.

Clement Ham, Jr.....	48
Archille Houle.....	97

WARD CLERK.

Edwin F. Richmond.....	58
Harry F. Whitehouse.....	86

MODERATOR.

William Illingsworth	53
George J. Frechette.....	92

MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD. (2 YRS.)

Edgar B. Chesley.....	56
Mark A. Kearns.....	88

SELECTMEN.

Joseph Casgrain.....	55
Oscar C. Lord	56
William Potvin.....	57
John C. Bunker.....	88
William H. Crawford.....	88
Esdras Poulin.....	87

CITY GOVERNMENT.

1897.

MAYOR.

BENJAMIN F. HANSON.

CITY CLERK.

JOHN ROWAN.

ALDERMEN.

Ward 1—ASHER G. COOMBS.*

Ward 2—CHARLES H. HARMON.

Ward 3—GEORGE E. HANSON.

Ward 4—JOHN MURRAY.

Ward 5—FRED P. HARMON.

COUNCILMEN.

President—MARTIN V. B. WENTWORTH.

Clerk—PATRICK MONE.

Ward 1—HENRY A. COBB,

BURTON ETTER,

CALVIN H. WEYMOUTH.

Ward 2—ALPHEUS L. FAUNCE,†

GEORGE E. PUGSLEY,

GEORGE F. SYMES.

*Resigned August 14.

†Resigned February 15, 1898.

Ward 3—NORBERT DEL 'ETOILE,
EDWARD J. PERUSSE,
PAUL A. RAINVILLE.

Ward 4—PETER PERREAULT,
MARTIN V. B. WENTWORTH,
JAMES A. FLANAGAN.

Ward 5—CHARLES C. BUNKER,
OLIVER MORIN,
ARCHILLE HOULE.

CITY TREASURER.

JOSEPH A. STICKNEY.*
WILLIAM D. KNAPP.

CITY SOLICITOR.

HARRY V. MOORE.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

JOHN P. STEVENS.

SANITARY OFFICER.

JOHN C. BUNKER.

CITY PHYSICIAN.

THOMAS J. DOUGHERTY.

*Assassinated April 16, 1897.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

WILLIAM B. MARTIN.

STREET COMMISSIONER.

BENJAMIN A. WIGGIN.

ASSESSORS.

DANIEL WINGATE,
ELDORUS B. WHITE,
JOSEPH LIBBY.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Marshal—GEORGE HEATON.

Assistant Marshal—WILFRID PAQUETTE.

Police Officers—GEORGE LETOURNEAU,

LOUIS LETENDRE,

WILLIAM RILEY.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer—PATRICK QUINLAN.

Assistant Engineers—HENRY DUFORD,

JERRE MURRAY.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

President—THOMAS J. DOUGHERTY, M. D.,

Secretary—JOHN C. BUNKER,

WILLIAM B. MARTIN.

INSPECTOR OF OIL.

JAMES JUBERT.

WEIGHERS OF COAL, HAY AND STRAW.

JAMES E. RICHARDS,
BENJAMIN F. HANSON,
JAMES A. LOCKE,
WILLIAM TAYLOR,
FRED MATTHEWS,
SIDNEY B. SMITH.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

JOACHIN RAINVILLE.

CITY MESSENGER.

CHARLES O. RANKINS.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK.

JAMES E. RICHARDS,
MARTIN V. B. WENTWORTH,
JAMES A. LOCKE,
HIRAM HORNE,
JESSE R. HORNE,
LEAVITT C. HORNE,
JAMES E. CRAWFORD,
JOHN S. HUSSEY.

CITY LIQUOR AGENT.

NAPOLEON H. GILBERT.

FISH AND GAME WARDEN.

ALBION K. P. HARVEY.

FENCE VIEWERS.

CHARLES F. BLAKE,

HIRAM HORNE.

POLICE JUSTICE.

WILLIAM D. KNAPP.

POLICE CLERK.

ELDORUS B. WHITE.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Chairman—CHARLES M. DORR,

Secretary—FRANK P. REEVE,

NATHAN WIMPFHEIMER.

Supt. of Water Works—HOWARD M. HANSON,

Office, Central Block, Main St.

INSPECTOR OF MILK.

LAZARRE CHARRETTE.

CITY AUDITORS.

CHARLES F. BLAKE,

HIRAM A. HAYES.

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY.

TRUSTEES.

WILLIAM D. KNAPP,	Term expires	1898
JAMES A. EDGERLY,	“ “	1899
JESSE R. HORNE,	“ “	1900
GEORGE M. HANSON,	“ “	1901
ALPHEUS L. FAUNCE,	“ “	1902

Superintendent—WILLIAM B. MARTIN.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1897.

Finance—The Mayor, Alderman F. P. Harmon, Councilmen Etter and Morin.

Claims and Accounts—Alderman Hanson, Councilmen Flanagan and Faunce.

Public Buildings—Alderman Hanson, Councilmen Bunker and Del'Etoile.

Bridges—Alderman Coombs, Councilmen Houle and Perreault.

Streets, Sewers and Drains—Alderman Murray, Councilmen Morin and Weymouth.

Fire Department—Alderman C. H. Harmon, Councilmen Flanagan and Perreault.

Lights—Alderman Murray, Councilmen Symes and Rainville.

Ordinances—Alderman F. P. Harmon, Councilmen Perreault and Cobb.

Printing—Alderman Coombs, Councilmen Bunker and Houle.

Police—The Mayor, Alderman C. H. Harmon, Councilmen Perusse and Rainville.

Schools—Alderman F. P. Harmon, Councilmen Symes and Pugsley.

Cemetery—Alderman Coombs, Councilmen Perusse and Faunce.

Obstructing Streets, Highways, etc.—Martin V. B. Wentworth.

WARD OFFICERS.

MODERATORS.

Ward 1—CHARLES M. DORR.

Ward 2—WILLIAM F. RUSSELL.

Ward 3—PAUL A. RAINVILLE.

Ward 4—MICHAEL J. LEARY.

Ward 5—GEORGE J. FRECHETTE.

SELECTMEN.

Ward 1—JOSEPH A. COTE,
JOHN H. BLAISDELL,
EDGAR W. WENTWORTH.

Ward 2—WILLIAM B. MARTIN,
LOREN D. CASLER,
WALTER L. BUTTERFIELD.

Ward 3—CHARLES DRAPEAU,
JOHN E. HANAGAN,
FRANK J. AUSTIN.

Ward 4—JOHN LOUGHLIN,
ITTIENNE ROBERGE,
STEPHEN COLLINS.

Ward 5—JOHN C. BUNKER,
WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD.
ESDRAS POULIN.

WARD CLERKS.

Ward 1—HARRY LIBBY.

Ward 2—ALFRED W. DURGIN.

Ward 3—JOHN A. PERREAULT.

Ward 4—DENNIS SHANAHAN.

Ward 5—HARRY F. WHITEHOUSE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING THE YEAR.

TRANSFER OF MONEY.

Resolved by the Common Council, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen concurring: That the following sums be transferred from the several accounts to the several departments, to wit:

Five hundred dollars from miscellaneous account to highways.

Forty-five dollars from soldiers' aid account to paupers.

Seven hundred and ninety-nine dollars from court fees to salaries.

Eight hundred dollars from court fees to highways.

Two hundred and fifty dollars from Berwick bridge to lights.

One hundred and ninety-five dollars from state tax to highways.

One hundred and one dollars and one cent from school revenue to schools.

Two hundred and eight dollars and forty-one cents from sewers to highways.

Fifty-seven dollars from city hall to police.

Seventy-six dollars from licenses to salaries.

Twenty dollars and twenty-five cents from insurance tax to highways.

Passed April 6, 1897.

IN MEMORY OF OUR LATE TREASURER, JOSEPH A. STICKNEY.

Resolved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, the Common Council concurring: That a committee be appointed, one from the board of mayor and aldermen and two

from the common council, to draw up and present to these councils suitable resolutions relative to the death of our late treasurer, Joseph A. Stickney.

Passed April 20, 1897.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., April 20, 1897.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils:

Gentlemen:—Your committee to whom was referred the matter of drawing up suitable resolutions on the death of our late treasurer, Joseph A. Stickney, beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Stickney, a native of this city, and one of its oldest and most honored residents, the cashier of the Great Falls National Bank and the city's treasurer, while in the discharge of his duty as such, was last Friday stricken down by the hand of a cowardly assassin; now be it

Resolved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the Common Council of this City: That we hereby testify to our esteem to Mr. Stickney as a man, a citizen, and as one who has filled every public duty reposed in him ably and faithfully. His character was above reproach, his honor unimpeachable. Every public and private duty which upon him devolved was fully discharged. No man's record was ever cleaner. No other citizen of Somersworth ever lived a purer or better life, and for more than thirty years he stood at his post of duty as cashier of the Great Falls National Bank and well and truly guided its financial affairs. His loss is mourned by every one; his place cannot soon be filled; his race was well run; his course has been finished with honor.

Resolved, That the city clerk spread upon the records these resolutions, and that a copy of the same be sent to the family of our lamented treasurer, and the same be published in the Somersworth Free Press.

GEORGE E. HANSON,

JAS. A. FLANAGAN,

GEO. E. PUGSLEY,

Committee on Resolutions.

Accepted and adopted April 20, 1897.

LOAN IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES.

Resolved by the Common Council, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen concurring: That the joint standing committee on finance be instructed and empowered to hire by note or notes, on the credit of the city, the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a period of sixty days, and at a rate not to exceed six per cent., in anticipation of taxes.

Passed May 4, 1897.

AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF CITY REPORTS.

Resolved: That the committee on printing be empowered to have three hundred copies of the city reports for the year 1896-97 printed, under the direction of the city clerk, and the same to be paid from the miscellaneous account.

Passed May 4, 1897.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1897.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., May 4, 1897.

To the City Councils:

Gentlemen:—Your joint standing committee on finance recommend the following estimate of appropriations for the ensuing year, viz :

Memorial Day.....	\$ 200 00
Forest Glade cemetery.....	400 00
Lights.....	4,880 00
Interest on general account	5,500 00
Soldiers' aid.....	100 00
Paupers.....	300 00
School note.....	2,000 00
Salaries.....	7,500 00
Fire department.....	2,000 00
Hydrants and watering troughs.....	2,900 00
Police department.....	600 00

Band concerts.....	200 00
Sidewalks.....	2,000 00
Highways, to include the building of the new extension of Grand street by the new stand-pipe, across the Noble lot to West High street.....	5,000 00
Schools (including literary fund and dog tax).....	17,500 00
County tax	9,677 80
State tax	6,920 00
State library	415 20
Miscellaneous	\$1,107 00
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Total	\$69 200 00

Your committee would recommend that of the above sum of \$69,200.00 there be raised by taxation the sum of \$62,000.00, and that the balance be appropriated from moneys in the treasury not otherwise expended.

B. F. HANSON,
FRED P. HARMON,
OLIVER MORIN,
BURTON ETTTER,

Joint Standing Committee on Finance.

Passed May 18, 1897.

IN FAVOR OF CHENARD, DROWNED IN SALMON FALLS RIVER.

Resolved by the Common Council, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen concurring: That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated for the recovery of the body of one Chenard, seven years of age, who was drowned in the Salmon Falls river, Saturday, May 15, the said sum to be taken from the miscellaneous account and to be expended under the direction of the mayor.

Passed May 18, 1897.

IN FAVOR OF GEORGE M. COBURN & CO., SHOE MANUFACTURERS.

Resolved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, the Common Council concurring: That the city of Somersworth exempt from taxation for the next ten years all of the capital and stock that shall be used by George M. Coburn & Company in operating the shoe factory situate on Market street in Somersworth, owned by the Somersworth Building Association.

Passed June 1, 1897.

IN FAVOR OF CITY OF DOVER, FOR USE OF STEAM ROAD ROLLER.

Resolved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, the Common Council concurring: That the committee on streets, sewers and drains be authorized to let the steam roller to the city of Dover, provided the city of Dover pay a rental of five dollars per day for the use of the same; also two dollars and fifty cents per day for an engineer to be furnished by the above committee to run the same, and that said city of Dover furnish fuel and oil to run the roller; said city of Dover to return roller in as good repair as when the city received it from Somersworth.

Passed June 11, 1897.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF HOSE WAGON.

Resolved by the Common Council, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen concurring: That the committee on fire department be empowered to purchase a hose wagon with chemical attachments, as recommended by the committee, and that the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) be transferred to the fire department from money in the hands of the city treasurer not otherwise appropriated, for payment of same.

Passed Oct. 19, 1897.

TRANSFER OF MONEY TO THE MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

Resolved by the Common Council, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen concurring: That the money received from police court fines, amounting to \$195.34, now in the hands of the city treasurer, be transferred to the miscellaneous account.

Passed Oct. 19, 1897.

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MONEY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE SAND FILTER.

Resolved: That the city treasurer be authorized to hire on the city's note or notes a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the completion of the sand filter.

Passed Nov. 16, 1897.

IN FAVOR OF HIRING MONEY FOR THE EXTEN- SION OF THE MAIN STREET SEWER.

Resolved: That the sum of four hundred dollars be raised by the city's note and appropriated for the laying of a sewer, a continuation of the Main street sewer to the Indigo Hill road.

Passed Nov. 16, 1897.

IN FAVOR OF RAISING MONEY FOR THE COM- PLETION OF THE MAIN STREET SEWER EXTENSION.

Resolved: That the sum of two hundred and ninety-six dollars be transferred from the highway account to the Main street sewer extension for the completion of the same.

Passed Jan. 4, 1898.

IN FAVOR OF THE ATTORNEYS' FEES FOR SERVICES IN THE WATER COMMISSIONERS CASE.

Resolved: That the sum of seven hundred seventy-two dollars and ninety-five cents (\$772.95) be taken from the miscellaneous account to pay the bills of Messrs. Frink, Kivel, Edgerly, Streeter, Young and Pierce for services on the water commissioners case.

Passed Jan. 4, 1898.

AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO HIRE MONEY.

Resolved: That the city treasurer be authorized to hire on the city's note or notes the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) and the same to be appropriated as follows. three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to pauper account, six hundred dollars (\$600.00) to sidewalks, and the balance of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) to the miscellaneous account.

Passed Nov. 16, 1897.

TRANSFER OF MONEY TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Resolved: That the sum of seven hundred and ninety-nine dollars (\$799.00) be transferred from the salary appropriation to the highway department.

Passed Feb. 15, 1898.

TRANSFER OF MONEY TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Resolved: That the sum of eighty-nine dollars and fifty-two cents, which has been paid into the treasury by the school board for tuition and materials, be transferred to the school fund.

Passed Feb. 15, 1898.

TRANSFER OF MONEY TO FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Resolved: That the sum of two hundred dollars be transferred from money in the treasury, received from the police court fines, to the fire department.

Passed Feb. 15, 1898,

REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.
AMES & O'SHEA, VS. CITY.

NOTIFICATION OF AMES & O'SHEA OF ABANDON-
MENT OF FILTER BED CONTRACT.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., June 9, 1897.

To the City of Somersworth:

Owing to your failure to perform the conditions and agreements in our contract with you to construct a filter in said Somersworth, we hereby notify you that we shall proceed no farther under the same, hereby waiving no legal rights which we have in the premises.

AMES & O'SHEA.

JAMES A. EDGERLY,

JONH KIVEL,

Their Attorneys.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE JOINT STANDING
COMMITTEE ON WATER SUPPLY.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., June 14, 1897.

To the City Councils:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, your committee, or agents, appointed by you to construct a system of water-works for the city, desire to report to you that Messrs. Ames & O'Shea, the contractors for the construction of a covered sand filter for the city, have abandoned their work upon the same and decline to pursue it further. A notice, of which the following is a copy, was served upon the city June 9:

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., June 9, 1897.

To the City of Somersworth:

Owing to your failure to perform the conditions and agree-

ments in our contract with you to construct a filter in said Somersworth, we hereby notify you that we shall proceed no farther under the same, hereby waiving no legal rights which we have in the premises.

(signed) AMES & O'SHEA.

(signed)

JAS. A. EDGERLY,

JOHN KIVEL,

Their Attorneys.

In order to do everything possible to protect the interests of the city, the chairman of the committee conferred with Mayor Hanson and City Solicitor Moore and it was deemed best to at once send notice of the abandonment to the surety on the \$5,000 bond given by Ames & O'Shea to secure the performance of the contract, said surety being the American Surety Co. of New York. Such a written notice was drawn up by City Solicitor Moore, and it was duly forwarded to the company.

Additional counsel was retained by the mayor and city solicitor and a conference was held with this counsel on Friday. The legal aspects of the situation were then discussed, and the course mapped out for fully protecting the interests of the city.

Your committee desires to state, at this point, that it is not aware of any failure on its part, or on the part of the engineer, to perform the conditions and agreements of the city's contract with Ames & O'Shea for the construction of the filter.

The situation is, therefore, that work on the filter has been stopped. It is of much importance to the city that the filter be completed at the earliest possible day., not only as carrying out the original plan of the water-works system, but also as effecting the liability of the surety on Ames & O'Shea's bond. It is incumbent on the city to prosecute the work with due diligence and economy.

No word has been received from the surety as to any disposition on its part to take the work into its own hands and complete it. Possibly the surety may desire to do this. If it does not, however, the course of procedure is plain.

Section 33 of the contract with Ames & O'Shea provides as follows:

SEC. 33. If the work to be done under this contract shall be abandoned, or if this contract shall be sub-let, or the contract or any claim thereunder shall be assigned by the contractor otherwise than as herein specified, or if at any time the engineer shall be of the opinion, and shall so certify in writing to the committee, that the conditions herein specified as to the rate of progress are not fulfilled, or that the work or any part thereof is unnecessarily delayed, or that the contractor is violating any provisions of this contract, the committee may notify the contractor to discontinue all work or any part thereof, and thereupon the contractor shall discontinue said work, or such part thereof as the committee may designate, and the committee may thereupon by contract or otherwise, as it may determine, complete the work or such part thereof and charge the expense thereof to the contractor; and may use therein such materials, animals, machinery, implements and tools of every description as may be found upon said work. The expense so charged shall be deducted and paid by the city out of any moneys then due or to become due the contractor under this contract or any part thereof; and in case such expense is less than the sum which would have been payable under this contract if the same had been completed by the contractor, the contractor shall be entitled to receive the difference; and in case such expense shall exceed the latter sum the contractor shall pay the amount of such excess to the city.

Your committee are therefore contemplating, under said section 33, such action as shall best promote the interests of the city and protect its rights most fully, with a view to having the filter completed in the most economical and satisfactory manner possible.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRIS. H. WELLS,

JOHN MURRAY,

C. H. HARMON,

E. A. SMITH,

Committee on Water Supply.

Accepted June 15, 1897.

CITY SOLICITOR'S NOTICE TO THE AMERICAN
SURETY COMPANY.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., June 9, 1897.

To the American Surety Co., New York City, N. Y.:

Gentlemen:—You will please find enclosed a certified copy of a notice which has been served on the city of Somersworth today by Messrs. Ames & O'Shea, the contractors to construct a sand filter bed for the city of Somersworth, in which they say that they abandon their said contract; you will take notice that you are surety on the bond for five thousand dollars which they gave for the performance of said contract.

Very respectfully yours,

HARRY V. MOORE,

City Solicitor.

ATTACHMENT WRIT—AMES & O'SHEA AGAINST
THE CITY.

A writ of attachment was served on the city of Somersworth August 16, 1897, brought by Messrs. Ames & O'Shea, the contractors on the filter bed, for the sum of twelve thousand five hundred thirty-three dollars and ninety-two cents (\$12,533.92) was referred to the city solicitor.

Referred Aug. 17, 1897.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ENGAGE EXTRA COUNSEL IN THE
AMES & O'SHEA CASE.

Resolved: That His Honor, the Mayor, is hereby authorized to employ counsel to assist the city solicitor in defending the city against Ames & O'Shea, the contractors on the sand filter.

Passed Feb. 15, 1898.

RESIGNATION OF ALDERMAN ASHER G.
COOMBS.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Aug. 14, 1897.

*To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the
City of Somersworth:*

I herewith tender my resignation as alderman from Ward
1, and request that the same be accepted at once.

ASHER G. COOMBS.

Accepted Aug. 14, 1897.

COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THOMAS BELAND FOR LAND DAMAGE.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Aug. 31, 1897.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils of the City of Somersworth, N. H.:

Gentlemen:—Last year your committee on streets entered into an agreement with me which has not been fulfilled, and I therefore bring the matter before your honorable boards. The agreement was thus: Should I allow them the privilege of running a sewer through my land they would grade my land and put it in proper condition, which they have failed to do, although the matter has been brought to their attention several times, and by their refusal or neglect in not attending to the matter I have been damaged to the extent of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) by reason of the overflow of the sewer, which damaged my land and vegetables and also caused me a great loss from the revenue received from my tenement house situated near said sewer, on account of the bad odor arising therefrom. I sincerely hope that you will give this matter your immediate attention and in justice and fairness to all you will allow me the sum asked without any further trouble or expense.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS BELAND.

Union St., Somersworth, N. H.

Referred to the committee on streets, sewers and drains,
Sept. 21, 1897.

FROM EX-TAX COLLECTOR WM. F. HARMON FOR
OFFICE RENT.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Dec. 1, 1897.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Councils of the City of Somersworth, N. H.:

Gentlemen:—Wishing to settle with the city treasurer in

full my tax accounts, I herewith submit to you my bill for rent and light of the office used by me as tax collector.

Very respectfully yours,

WM. F. HARMON.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Dec. 1, 1897.

City of Somersworth to Wm. F. Harmon, Dr.

Oct. 1, 1893.

To rent and light of office at Savings Bank block, High St., as tax collector from April 1, 1892, to Oct. 1, 1893, \$200.00.

Received Dec. 21, 1897. Sued Jan. 24, 1898.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER SUPPLY.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., JULY 19, 1897.

To the City Councils:

Gentlemen:—We desire to place before you a report in relation to the water-works matter which we have had printed for general distribution: The report shows the expenditures as placed before the city councils in January last, with the bids on the more important parts of the work and various facts in relation to the system as given by the engineer, including a full description of the filter as it will be when completed. There have been some expenditures since, and there will be further facts to report, but these the committee will report on fully at such time as the work is completed or their connection with it ceases.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRIS. H. WELLS,

JOHN MURRAY,

C. H. HARMON,

FRANK E. LIBBY,

Committee on Water Supply.

Report accepted Aug. 17, 1897.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., July 28, 1897.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils:

Gentlemen:—Your committee to whom was referred the resolution reducing the firemen of No. 1 and Alert 2 hose companies, and also to purchase a light hose wagon with a capacity for carrying 500 feet of hose with chemical attachments,

have carefully investigated the workings of said companies and find that it would be inexpedient to reduce the number of firemen in either of the above-mentioned companies, but would recommend the purchasing of a hose wagon with a capacity of carrying 800 feet of hose, with chemical attachments, which would give valuable service to the already efficient fire department.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. HARMON,
JAMES A. FLANAGAN,
Committee on Fire Department.

Report accepted and adopted Oct. 5, 1897.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS, SEWERS AND DRAINS ON LAND DAMAGE.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Oct. 19, 1897.

To the City Councils:

Gentlemen:—Your committee on streets, sewers and drains, to whom was referred the matter of damages to Thomas Beland's land on Union street, by the overflow of the sewer, have investigated the same and find that he was damaged to some extent by the overflowage, and would recommend that he be paid the sum of fifty dollars and curbing be placed along Union street in front of his land to check the overflow.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MURRAY,
OLIVER MORIN,
C. H. WEYMOUTH,

Committee on Streets, Sewers and Drains.

Report accepted and recommendations adopted Oct. 19, '97.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Nov. 16, 1897.

The finance committee respectfully recommend the raising

of funds to carry on the works and needs of the city to the amount of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00).

B. F. HANSON,
F. P. HARMON,
BURTON ETTER,

Committee on Finance.

Report accepted Nov. 16, 1897.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Nov. 16, 1897.

To the City Councils:

Your committee on finance recommend that the councils raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for the completion of the sand filter.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. HANSON,
O. MORIN,
F. P. HARMON,
BURTON ETTER,

Committee on Finance.

Report accepted and recommendations adopted Nov. 16, '97.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS, SEWERS AND DRAINS, FAVORING THE EXTENSION OF THE MAIN STREET SEWER.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Nov. 12, 1897.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils:

Your committee on streets, sewers and drains, to whom was referred the petition of Edmund Leclere and others, asking for the extension of the sewerage system on Main street, from the Burleigh Hill, so called, to the junction of the Indigo Hill road, have attended to the duties assigned them and report

favorably to granting the request of the petitioners, believing it to be for the best interests of all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MURRAY,

C. H. WEYMOUTH,

Committee on Streets, Sewers and Drains.

Report accepted and recommendations adopted Nov. 16, '97.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND
ACCOUNTS ON THE GREAT FALLS GAS LIGHT
CO'S BILL FOR LOSS OF GAS.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Jan. 18, 1898.

To the City Councils:

The committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the claim of the Great Falls Gas Light company, report that they have attended to the duties assigned them and in their opinion the city is not liable for the claim, amounting to six hundred forty-three dollars and seventy-six cents (\$643.76), for loss of gas by the bursting of the gas pipes, caused by Ames & O'Shea, the sewer contractors, while blasting.

GEORGE C. HANSON,

JAMES A. FLANAGAN,

A. L. FAUNCE,

Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Report accepted Jan. 18, 1898.

WATER-WORKS CONSTRUCTION.

WATER COMMISSIONERS' ESTIMATES ON THE LAYING OF WATER PIPES.

The following are the commissioners' estimates for the laying of water pipes on Mt. Auburn, Second and Fifth streets, and the Indigo Hill road:

MOUNT AUBURN STREET.

Digging and laying.....	\$102 42
One T, 8x8x6	5 00
Two gates.....	50 00
Two gate-boxes.....	9 00
Eighteen thousand lbs. C. I. pipe (estimated at 22c.)	198 00
Ten per cent. for cutting in T.....	36 44

\$400 86

Annual income.....	\$48 00
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EXTENSION INDIGO HILL ROAD.

One hundred forty feet 8-in. pipe.....	\$61 60
One T, 18x8x6	5 00
One 6-in. plug.....	50
Digging and laying.....	25 20

\$92 30

FIFTH STREET.

Two hundred ten feet 2-in. pipe, and laying.....	\$58 30
Income.....	\$12.00 per year

SECOND STREET.

Fourteen thousand four hundred lbs. 6-in. pipe at 1 1/4 c.....	\$180 00
Four hundred eighty feet digging and laying at 18c..	64 40

One gate.....	\$25 00
One gate-box.....	3 50
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	\$272 90

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. DORR,

FRANK P. REEVE,

NATHAN WIMPFHEIMER,

Water Commissioners.

Report accepted Oct. 19, 1897.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MONEY FOR WATER-WORKS CONSTRUCTION.

Resolved: That the sum of \$824.56 be raised on the city's note or notes, at 4 per cent. interest per annum, for the extension of the water pipes as given in the estimates of the water commissioners, and that said extension be left to the water commissioners.

Passed Nov. 16, 1897.

DAMAGES.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF JOHN ROBERTS' BILL FOR DAMAGES.

Resolved: That the sum of one hundred and ninety-seven dollars and sixty-six cents be paid to John Roberts on execution issued against the city, from moneys in the hands of the city treasurer, not otherwise appropriated.

Passed Oct. 19, 1897.

A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THOMAS BELAND, FOR LAND DAMAGE.

Resolved: That the committee on finance, with the city treasurer, be authorized to settle with Thomas Beland by paying him the sum of fifty dollars, and placing edgestone beside the sidewalk to such a distance as shall stop the flow of water across the sidewalk on Beland's land; and that the sum be taken from moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed Oct. 19, 1897.

A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF ARMEDE BISSON, FOR DAMAGES.

Resolved: That the sum of thirty dollars be paid Arme de Bisson in satisfaction of his claim for highway damages incurred November 18, 1897, by an opening in the sewer extension on Main street, and that said sum be paid from the miscellaneous account.

Passed Dec. 7, 1897.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Feb. 14, 1898.

To the City Councils:

Gentlemen:—Your joint standing committee on finance respectfully submit the following statement of appropriations and expenditures for the current fiscal year up to date hereof, together with a schedule of the property, real and personal, belonging to the city, and a statement of the amount of the city debt:

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1897.

Memorial day	\$200 00
Forest Glade cemetery.....	400 00
Lights.....	4,880 00
Interest on general account	5,500 00
Soldiers' aid	100 00
Paupers.....	300 00
School note	2,000 00
Salaries.....	7,500 00
Fire department	2,000 00
Hydrants and water troughs	2,900 00
Police department.....	600 00
Band concerts	200 00
Sidewalks.....	2,000 00
Highways, including the building of the extension on Grand street.....	5,000 00
Schools, including literary fund and dog tax	17,500 00
County tax.....	9,677 80
State tax.....	6,920 00

Library	\$ 415 20	
Miscellaneous.....	1,107 00	
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Total.....		\$69,200 00

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	\$6,495 04	
Highways.....	5,839 92	
Sidewalks.....	2,710 94	
Schools.....	14,422 86	
Miscellaneous.....	3,175 10	
Lights.....	4,575 88	
Fire department.....	2,160 02	
Police department	683 61	
Paupers.....	868 95	
Soldiers' aid.....	45 88	
Hydrants and watering troughs.....	2,900 00	
Band concerts.....	200 00	
School note.....	2,000 00	
Memorial day exercises.....	200 00	
Damage by dogs	84 45	
County tax.....	9,677 80	
State tax.....	6,920 00	
Forest Glade cemetery.....	916 95	
Cemetery trust fund.....	550 00	
Water-works.....	28,339 50	
Interest on general and school-house debt.....	5,246 35	
Interest on water-works debt and re- funding notes.....	1,436 41	
Repairs city hall	68 00	
Sidewalk damage, Union street.....	120 75	
Main street sewer extension.....	620 20	
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Total.....		\$99,708 61

STATEMENT OF CITY DEBT.

The city debt to date amounts to \$278,780.00, as particularized in a statement presented before your honorable bodies by your committee this 14th day of February, 1898, up to February 1st, 1898, as follows:

School houses; 1890.....	\$4,000 00
Bridges	10,000 00
Road roller, 1895	1,750 00
Outstanding bills, 1892.....	10,000 00
Sewers and water pipes, 1893.....	2,800 00
Water pipes, 1892.....	4,200 00
Sewers, 1891-92.....	47,700 00
New sewers in 1895-96-97-98.....	41,650 00
New water-works, 1895-96-97-98.....	154,180 00
Current expenses in 1898.....	2,500 00
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Total	\$278,780 00

SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY.

City hall building.....	\$10,000 00
Land and buildings on Pleasant street..	2,600 00
Engine house, Prospect street.....	1,500 00
Engine House, Main street.....	1,000 00
Fire apparatus.....	3,700 00
Waterworks system, uncompleted.....	167,166 86
Receiving tomb.....	1,700 00
Forest Glade cemetery.....	3,500 00
Stone-crusher plant.....	2,800 00
Sewers.....	92,028 00
School houses and property.....	68,000 00
Lot of land on Grand street.....	1,200 00
City government rooms.....	1,000 00
Road machine, plow and harrow	250 00
Snow plows.....	225 00

Scraper \$30 00

\$356,699 86

The foregoing is respectfully submitted,

B. F. HANSON,

BURTON ETTER,

FRED P. HARMON,

Joint Standing Committee on Finance.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

DURING THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1898,

AND

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER.

To the Mayor and City Councils of the City of Somersworth for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1898:

I report the receipts and expenditures of cash during my term of office, as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1897.....	\$6,773 86
Income of Forest Glade cemetery.....	795 63
Chandler fund.....	141 20
cemetery trust fund.....	242 82
city hall.....	181 00
police court, fines and fees..	1,614 37
water-works	11,531 05
Notes payable, current expenses.....	5,000 00
paupers.....	300 00
sidewalks	600 00
sewers.....	400 00
miscellaneous.....	1,600 00
County of Strafford, paupers.....	171 69
County of Strafford, miscellaneous	326 33
City of Dover, miscellaneous.....	135 00
State of New Hampshire, insurance tax	23 25
railroad tax...	687 86
savings bk tax	5,910 69
literary fund..	624 34
School board, tuition, books, etc.....	89 52
Donations, cemetery trust fund.....	550 00
Notes payable, refunding.....	23,000 00
Notes payable, water-works.	19,166 86
John P. Stevens, coll. of taxes for 1897	61,500 00
City clerk, dog licenses.....	347 32
billiard licenses.....	30 00
other licenses.....	500 00

City clerk, miscellaneous	\$15 95
Total,.....	<u>\$141,826 74</u>

PAYMENTS.

Deposits, cemetery trust fund.....	\$ 550 00
Warrants, Forest Glade cemetery.....	1,438 45
Chandler fund, income.....	141 20
city hall	68 00
refunding.....	23,000 00
notes payable.....	5,000 00
paupers.....	1,061 36
sidewalks.....	2,710 94
sewers	610 20
salaries	7,564 04
police department.....	727 40
fire department.....	2,182 52
soldiers' aid.....	53 94
lights.....	5,005 44
damage from dogs.....	84 45
interest on municipal and school debts.....	5,246 35
memorial day.....	200 00
school note.....	2,000 00
hydrants and water troughs	2,900 00
county tax.....	9,677 80
state tax.....	6,920 00
highways.....	7,223 98
miscellaneous.....	3,684 60
schools.....	16,649 14
water-works, construction....	28,377 16
water-works, interest.....	3,102 68
Total.....	<u>\$136,179 65</u>
Cash in treasury March 1, 1898.....	<u>\$5,647 09</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. KNAPP,

City Treasurer.

NOTES PAYABLE, OUTSTANDING, MARCH 1, 1898.

NOTES FOR SCHOOL-HOUSE DEBT.

No. 6, rate 5.....	\$2,000 00
7, rate 5.....	2,000 00
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	\$4,000 00

NOTES FOR MUNICIPAL DEBT.

No. 110, rate 4.....	\$117,700 00
132, rate 5.....	2,500 00
133, rate 5.....	400 00
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	\$120,600 00

NOTES FOR WATER-WORKS DEBT.

No. 112, rate 4.....	\$1,086 50
113, rate 4.....	1,041 50
114, rate 4.....	1,000 00
115, rate 4.....	1,034 86
117, rate 4.....	1,034 16
118, rate 4.....	517 50
119, rate 4.....	1,081 45
120, rate 4.....	2,295 50
121, rate 4.....	1,306 34
122, rate 4.....	1,592 77
124, rate 4.....	87,578 63
127, rate 4.....	3,924 60
128, rate 4.....	5,000 00
130, rate 4.....	2,000 00
131, rate 4.....	5,373 82
134, rate 4.....	1,650 00
135, rate 5.....	3,500 00
136, rate 4.....	2,754 00
137, rate 4.....	20,000 00
138, rate 4.....	31,275 92

No. 139, rate 4.....	\$2,000 00
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	\$177,047 55
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Total.....	\$301,647 55

WM. D. KNAPP,

City Treasurer.

CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

DONATIONS AND LEGACIES HELD BY THE CITY FOR THE
CARE OF GRAVES AND LOTS, AVENUES AND MONUMENTS,
IN FOREST GLADE CEMETERY, DEPOSITED IN SOM-
ERSWORTH SAVINGS BANK AS A CEMETERY
TRUST FUND, MARCH 1, 1898.

Names of Donors.	Owners of Lots Provided For.	Amount.
Jeremy W. Orange	Jeremy W. Orange	\$200 00
Sarah Andrews	Elisha and Charles W. Andrews	200 00
Frederick B. Underhill	Frederick B. Underhill	25 00
A. A. & A. L. Frost	Otis A. Frost	50 00
Edward A. Rollins	D. G. and E. A. Rollins	200 00
Sarah A. Rollins	Samuel S. Rollins and others	300 00
Robert L. Ham	Robert L. Ham	25 00
Harriet L. Rollins	Andrew W. Rollins and others	300 00
Helen M. Twombly	Samuel Twombly	100 00
Mary W. Ricker	Mary W. Ricker	100 00
Clementina Bickford	Clementina Bickford	50 00
Joana Lord	Joana and Abigail Lord	20 00
Amasa Kennison	Amasa Kennison	50 00
Alice J. Watson	Daniel S. Watson	20 00
Kirk W. Moses	Kirk W. Moses	100 00
Charles L. Chick	Charles L. Chick	20 00
Mary A. Hill	Hannah E. Horne	20 00
Joseph S. Ricker	Ricker lot, No. 27, N. E	100 00
Samuel Grant	Samuel Grant	300 00
Calvin Rollins	Calvin Rollins and others	50 00
Charles H. Parker	Farzina Hurd and others	30 00
John Smilie	John and Lydia H. Smilie	125 00
Frances S. Huntress	Frances S. Huntress	50 00
Mrs. M. J. Horne	John Horne	20 00
Lois Merrill	Moses Merrill	50 00
Sophronia Hill	John C. Hill	25 00
Mrs. F. J. Rollins	Goodwin and Jordan	50 00
Joseph W. Hanson	Dr. Jacob C. Hanson	60 00
John B. Burrows	John B. Burrows	200 00
Jesse W. Whitehouse	S. D. and Jesse W. Whitehouse	100 00
Ephraim B. Stillings	Ephraim B. Stillings	25 00
Abbie L. Davis	Elizabeth Davis	50 00
Mrs. Kate J. Smith	Mrs. Kate J. Smith	100 00
George E. Hubbard	George E. Hubbard	50 00
Joshua Ham	Joshua Ham	60 00
Mrs. Philena Pearl	Mrs. Ichabod Pearl	50 00
Mary A. Prouty	Dexter B. Prouty	50 00
George W. Lord	Mary A. and Margaret Lord	100 00
Joseph Hubbard	Joshua R. Hubbard	50 00
Elias C. Varney	Elias C. Varney	100 00
Louisa T. Davis	David and Harrison B. Davis	50 00
Mrs. Ida Brackett	Mrs. Ida Brackett	50 00
Mrs. Luella J. Welch	Mrs. Luella J. Welch	50 00
Mrs. Olive A. Perkins	Enoch Perkins	37 50
Mrs. Olive A. Perkins	Elisha Andrews	37 50
Mrs. Betsey S. Chase	J. M. & C. M. Chase	50 00
Mrs. W. M. Brigham	Moody Pike	100 00
Miss Hannah E. Horne	James Horne	50 00
John R. Poor	Joshua and James T. Furber	300 00
Andrew Eastman	John A. Burleigh	300 00
Mary P. Elliott	Dr. Charles F. Elliott	100 00
Mary A. Legro	Lot 27, S. E. D.	50 00
J. P. and Mary A. Dixon	Oliver H. and Mary W. G. S. Lord	100 00
Lucy Staples	Lucy Staples	50 00
Isabell S. Emery	Rufus W. Stevens	100 00
Caroline T. Stevens	Luther and Caroline T. Stevens	50 00

CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

Names of Donors.	Owners of Lots Provided For.	Amount.
Brackett Dore	Lot 21, Div. 9	\$50 00
Addie B. Webber	James Delano	50 00
Isaac Chandler	Isaac Chandler	200 00
Lydia S. Hamilton	Silas M. Hamilton	50 00
Sidney B. Hayes, Adm'r.	Mary B. Wentworth	50 00
Ida M. Clement	Lot 31, Northwest	100 00
Joseph A. Stickney	Lot 26, and add's, Eastern Div.	400 00
Betsey and Jane B. Holden	Wm. Holden	50 00
Sarah E. Hatch	Lot 1, Div. 23	100 00
Chester Allen & Elizabeth Gilson	Lots 14 and 16, Div. 12	100 00
Charles F. Bryant	Dennis O'Brien	50 00
Mrs. Lydia C. Gilman	Lot 25, S. W.	100 00
Nancy F. Conner	Lot 1, Div. 13, Wm. P. Conner	50 00
Estate of Henry C. Noyes	Lot 10, Div. 10, Henry C. Noyes	50 00
Mrs. S. S. Chick	Lot 33, E. Div.	50 00
Mrs. George S. Winn	Lot 47, N. W.	50 00
Darius H. Stoddard	Lot 24, N. W.	50 00
James Henry Porter	Lot 5, Div. 9	50 00
Mary A. Fernald	William P. Fernald	150 00
Mrs. Roxie Tibbetts	Lot 6, S. D., Micah and Horace B. Tibbetts	100 00
Amanda E. Fall	Lot 33, S. E., Noah L. Fall	100 00
Martha Gilman	Lot 32, S. E., Levi W. Gilman	100 00
Edwin P. Horne	Lot 7, Div. 5	100 00
Total		\$7,200 00

WM. D. KNAPP,

City Treasurer.

TRIAL BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS OF CITY TREASURER.

MARCH 1, 1898.

Page	Title.	Debit.	Credit.	Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
1	Balance		\$6,783 86		\$6,783 86
2	Forest Glade cemetery	\$1,438 45	1,038 45	\$400 00	
3	Donations, cemetery fund	550 00	550 00		
4	Income, Chandler fund	141 20	141 20		
5	City hall	68 00	181 00		113 00
6	Notes payable	56,275 92	357,923 47		301,647 55
8	Taxes for 1897		61,500 00		61,500 00
9	Refunding	23,000 00	23,000 00		
10	Police court		1,614 37		1,614 37
11	Paupers	1,061 36	471 69	589 67	
13	Sidewalks	2,710 94	600 00	2,110 94	
14	Sewers	610 20	400 00	210 20	
15	Insurance tax		23 25		23 25
16	Railroad tax		687 86		687 86
17	Savings bank tax		5,910 69		5,910 69
18	Literary fund		624 34		624 34
20	Salaries	7,564 04		7,564 04	
22	Police department	727 40		727 40	
23	Fire department	2,182 52		2,182 52	
24	Soldiers	53 94		53 94	
25	Lights	5,005 41		5,005 44	
26	Dogs	84 45	347 32		262 87
27	Interest	5,246 35		5,246 35	
28	Memorial day	200 00		200 00	
29	School notes	2,000 00		2,000 00	
30	Hydrants and watering troughs	2,900 00		2,900 00	
31	County tax	9,677 80		9,677 80	
32	State tax	6,920 00		6,920 00	
33	Highways	7,223 98		7,223 98	
34	Miscellaneous	3,684 60	2,165 28	1,519 32	
35	Schools	16,649 14	89 52	16,559 62	
36	Water-works	31,479 84	30,697 91	781 93	
37	Cash	141,826 74	136,179 65	5,647 09	
38	School house debt	4,000 00		4,000 00	
39	Municipal debt	120,600 00		120,600 00	
40	Water-works debt	228,323 47	51,275 92	177,047 55	
41	Somersworth savings bank	9,200 00		9,200 00	
42	Cemetery trust fund		7,200 00		7,200 00
45	Chandler fund		2,000 00		2,000 00
		\$691,405 78	\$691,405 78	\$388,367 79	\$388,367 79

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. KNAPP,

City Treasurer.

March 1, 1898.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H, March 17, 1898.

The undersigned, auditors of the city of Somersworth, have this day examined the accounts and vouchers and the trial balance of the city treasurer, embracing all the cash transactions of the treasurer's office for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1898, and have found the payments properly vouched, the books correctly posted and accurately footed, and we certify the trial balance to be exactly correct.

H. ANSEL HAYES,

CHARLES F. BLAKE,

Auditors.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Feb. 28, 1898.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils:

In accordance with the ordinances of the city I have the honor to submit to you my report of the collection of taxes for the year 1897, as follows :

Tax list committed to me for collection.....	\$62,129 51
Added valuation.....	29 52
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	\$62,159 03

To abatements made by assessors for the following causes and amounts :

Excessive valuation	\$160 52
Double taxation	10 88
Over age.....	8 00
Under age.....	18 00
Destitute.....	38 60
Sickness	25 00
Paid elsewhere.....	60 00
Soldiers	6 00
Dead	6 00
Errors in taxation.....	22 00
Abatement of 18 poll taxes for the reason that the parties are unknown and cannot be found.....	36 00
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	\$391 00

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	\$61,768 03
Paid Wm. D. Knapp, treasurer.....	\$61,500 00
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Balance uncollected	\$268 03

JOHN P. STEVENS,
Tax Collector of the City of Somersworth.

REPORT OF CITY MARSHAL.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., March 1, 1898.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils of the City of Somersworth, N. H.:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the annual report of the police department of the city of Somersworth and its doings the past year, from March 1, 1897 to March 1, 1898. The number of arrests, what for and how disposed of.

Whole number of arrests.....	266
Males.....	246
Females.....	20

WHAT ARRESTED FOR.

Incest.....	1
Peddling without license.....	1
Drunks.....	104
Breaking and entering.....	8
Keeping for sale.....	59
Fast driving.....	1
Assault.....	30
Murder.....	1
Larceny.....	33
Concealed weapons.....	1
Keeping open shop Sunday.....	4
Common drunkards.....	4
Larceny from persen.....	1
Driving on sidewalk ..	2
Adultery.....	2
Aggravated assaults..	5
Truancy.....	1
Offensive words.....	1
Throwing snow-balls.....	2
Disorderly house.....	1

Grand larceny.....	I
Surety of peace.....	I

HOW DISPOSED OF.

Committed to jail.....	9
Paid fine and costs.....	124
Discharged.....	28
Arrested for out of town officers.....	5
Committed to house of correction.....	45
Placed on file.....	20
Disclosed.....	3
Appealed.....	9
Settled out of court.....	6
Bound over to supreme court.....	15
Committed to state industrial school.....	I
Continued.....	I

Number of meals furnished to prisoners	255
Number of persons furnished with lodgings.....	1,721
Amount of goods reported stolen.....	\$4,397 00
Amount of goods recovered.....	3,560 53
Received from police court fines, costs and fees....	1,439 15
Received from supreme court fines and fees.....	104 74
Whole amount from all sources and turned over by me to the city of Somersworth....	1,543 89

GEORGE HEATON,

City Marshal.

POLICE COURT OF SOMERSWORTH.

To the Mayor and City Councils of the City of Somersworth:

Gentlemen:—Herewith I submit my report of the business of this department for the year ending February 28, 1898.

CIVIL DOCKET.

Whole number of entries.....	24
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CRIMINAL DOCKET.

Whole number arraigned.....	256
discharged.....	31
convicted.....	225

OFFENCES.

Fast driving	1
Larceny	26
Assault.....	28
Murder	1
Peddling without license	1
Armed with dangerous weapon.....	1
Aggravated assault	4
Incest.....	1
Drunk	102
Breaking and entering.....	8
Keeping spirituous liquor for sale.....	9
Keeping malt liquor for sale.....	49
Common drunkard.....	7
Keeping shop open on Lord's day.....	3
Doing secular business on Lord's day	1
Adultery	2
Drunk and abusive	1
Driving team on sidewalk.....	2
Truancy.....	1

Calling offensive names.....	1
Keeping cider for sale.....	1
Throwing snow-balls	3
Intent to deceive and cheat.....	1
Disorderly house	1
Threatening bodily harm.....	1

HOW DISPOSED OF.

Held to answer in supreme court.....	17
Sentence suspended	3
Disclosed and discharged.....	3
Dismissed for want of jurisdiction.....	1
Appealed.....	9
Sent to the state industrial school.....	1
Placed on file	15
Continued	1
Paid fines and costs.....	121
Committed to jail.....	9
Committed to house of correction.....	45

RECEIPTS.

Received for writs, etc.....	\$ 9 15
Received for fines and costs and officers' fees.....	1,439 15
Received supreme court fines and costs and fees...	104 74
Paid witnesses fees, etc.....	32 38
Paid Wm. D. Knapp, treasurer.....	1,520 66
Paid by F. L. Shapleigh, former clerk, to Wm. D. Knapp.....	93 71

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. WHITE,

Clerk.

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Feb. 28, 1898.

To the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and City Councils:

In April, not only this community, but the whole country, was shocked and grieved by the atrocious murder of Mr. Joseph A. Stickney, the city treasurer, an old resident, and for many years cashier of the Great Falls National Bank. Business was suspended by the announcement and the only thought was to find his murderer. By strenuous and immediate effort on the part of the local and county officers and citizens of this city and Berwick, Me., his murderer was soon apprehended. He confessed his crime and was tried at the September term of court, but the cleverness of his counsel saved him from his rightful fate. The city mourns the loss of a good citizen, and of a man who was faithful to his trust, though certain death stared him in the face.

The city marshal's report fully shows the disposition of all other criminal cases in which the city has been interested, the number of arrests and the causes for which they were made.

It is my opinion that the criminal law has been faithfully, carefully and impartially administered in this city.

So I simply call your attention to the civil cases to which the city was a party, as I found them when elected to this office, and as they now are.

There was then upon the docket the case of John Roberts vs. the city, for damage caused by reason of his lot in the "Brickyard" district being overflowed on account of the alleged clogging of the sewer. This was entered at the September term, 1897, and after a thorough trial at the last September term, W. S. Pierce, Esq., being associated with me, the plaintiff recovered a verdict for \$158.17, which was paid. There was also the case of the city vs. William F. Harmon, collector of taxes in 1893, for a balance of about \$600.00, al-

leged to be due from him, entered at the September term 1895. Since this suit was brought the defendant has made and accounted for some collections, and the assessors have made large abatements. It will be disposed of at this term of court, as I think it has cumbered the docket too long.

At the September term, 1897, the case of Ames & O'Shea vs. the city was entered. This action was brought for the city's alleged breach of contract for the building of a covered sand-filter for the water-works, the damage being laid in the sum of \$15,000.00. Hon. J. S. H. Frink is associated with me, and it is our opinion that the many and intricate questions involved should be referred to a competent lawyer instead of trying the same to a jury, whose time for hearing and reflection would necessarily be short. We think that the city has a good and sufficient defence to this action.

At the February term of court eleven actions vs. Ames & O'Shea, and the city as trustee, were entered, all of them growing out of the above-mentioned contract. They are all small in amount and cannot concern the city unless it is found indebted to Ames & O'Shea.

At the same term was entered the case of William F. Harmon vs. the city, in which he claims to recover the sum of \$150.00 for office rent paid by him as tax-collector from April 1, 1892, to Sept. 1, 1893, a charge never before, nor since, made by such officer against the city. He also claims to recover the sum of \$1,000.00 damage, because, as he says, the city wrongfully withheld from him the tax-list of 1893, when, as we all know, it was furnished him as soon as the appropriations were made.

In 1897 a controversy arose over the election of water-commissioners, which was settled by the court.

Somersworth has been subjected to more needless litigation than any other municipality in this county, but it is hoped that wise management and better methods will tend to keep its name off the court docket.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY V. MOORE,

City Solicitor.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF FOREST GLADE CEMETERY.

To the Mayor and City Councils of the City of Somersworth:

Herewith we submit to you a report of the affairs of Forest Glade cemetery for the year ending March 1, 1898, as made up by the clerk.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation by city councils.....	\$400 00
Rec'd of Hiram G. Payne, in full.....	20 00
Orrin F. Cheney.....	60 00
Mrs. G. H. Chamberlain.....	65 00
Charles H. Mellen.....	60 00
Edmund G. Short	50 00
sundry persons for labor.....	540 63
interest on trust fund.....	242 82
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	\$1,438 45

EXPENDITURES.

Paid W. B. Martin bal. due, 1896.....	\$ 79 63
Jule Pipin, labor.....	303 75
Phillip Pipin, labor.....	294 00
Jule Pipin, 2d, labor.....	112 73
Stephen Fall, labor.....	9 00
W. B. Martin, Supt	469 50
A. Gaudette, dressing.....	42 00
W. B. Martin, board of horse....	52 00
George A. Swain, posts.....	40 00
W. D. Merrick, blacksmith.....	18 20
W. B. Martin, repairs on wagon	4 50

Paid S. A. Seavey, tools	7 09
David Wingate, tools.....	6 05

\$1,438 45

ASSETS.

Due on old accounts.....	\$49 50
Second-hand posts.....	15 00
Dressing.....	12 00

\$76 50

Eighteen finished lots; eight unfinished lots.

Liabilities, none.

JESSE R. HORNE,
WM. D. KNAPP,
JAMES A. EDGERLY,
GEO. M. HANSON,
A. LESTER FAUNCE,

Directors of Cemetery.

REPORT OF SANITARY OFFICER.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils of the City of Somersworth:

Gentlemen:—The sanitary officer herewith submits his report for the year ending February 28, 1898.

The inspections are as follows:

Dwelling houses and tenements.....	680
Stores	45
Hotels.....	3
School houses... ..	4
Shoe shops.....	2

Particular attention has been given to stables, out-buildings sink-drains, cellars, cess-pools and yards in all parts of the city. A large number of sink-pipes were found which were not trapped; in consequence there were many offensive gases escaping from them. In all cases the owners have been requested to place traps on them and they promised to do so, but in the small amount of time provided for another inspection it has been found that most of them have failed to comply.

At the beginning of the present year the sanitary condition of the city was found to be bad, but I take pleasure in reporting a decided improvement; and if the same lines are followed that have been in the past year this city will soon be in a perfectly healthy condition.

SEWERS.

I wish to call your attention in particular to the sewers in some parts of the city, especially on Orange street, from which the obnoxious odors are constantly arising, causing numerous complaints.

DUMPS.

The one near High street has been the cause of complaints. This has been visited and the owner has been notified to remove the cause of complaint, and has invariably attended to it. The one near the Salmon Falls road, below Mrs. Alden Kidder's, has also been complained of; but as soon as the owner was notified he promptly attended to it.

All complaints have been investigated and in all cases possible a remedy was provided.

The rules and regulations of the board of health have been distributed to parties who were ordered to remove nuisances found upon their premises.

Fifteen dead animals were buried or otherwise disposed of, and sixty-six privy vaults were ordered to be cleaned out.

Licenses to remove the contents of privy vaults were issued to four persons, after a careful inspection of carts and wagons, and approved by the board of health,

NUMBER OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES REPORTED.

Typhoid fever.....	14
Scarlet fever.....	31
Diphtheria	6
Measles.....	2
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Total.....	53

One case of typhoid fever and one of diphtheria proved fatal.

Houses containing contagious diseases have all been placarded and the placards removed at the termination of the disease. Weekly reports of all contagious diseases have been mailed to the state board of health at Concord, and monthly reports of the same have been forwarded to Washington.

All houses where these diseases existed have been properly cleansed and fumigated.

Circulars issued by the state board of health were distributed and instructions given to isolate the patients as much as possible from other members of the family where these malignant contagious diseases existed.

I would respectfully suggest that the pay of the sanitary officer be increased so that he would be able to devote more time to the duties of his office, believing this to be necessary to the city's health.

In closing this brief report I wish to express my appreciation for the many courtesies received during the year from the citizens of this city, and especially to the members of the city councils, for their kindness.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. BUNKER,

Sanitary Officer.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

To the Mayor and City Councils of the City of Somersworth:

Gentlemen:—Herewith I submit my report of expenditures on account of paupers, soldiers or their dependents, for the year ending Feb. 28, 1898.

CITY PAUPERS.

Octave Demers, groceries, to Eugene Bosevert..	\$ 3 00
Jona. Bickford, groceries, to Frank P. Corson..	\$5 00
M. B. Hooper, rent, to Frank P. Corson.....	35 00
A. L. Faunce, burial exp., to Frank P. Corson	8 00
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	\$48 00
E. P. Hurd, groceries to Charles Chamberland	\$15 00
Octave Demers, groceries to Chas. Chamberland	71 00
Richards and Co., fuel, to Chas. Chamberland..	20 50
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	\$106 50
E. P. Hurd, groceries, to Philip Champeau.....	9 00
S. C. Horne, groceries, to W. A. Canney, '96,	3 00
Mary Cullenane. services, to Dennis Cullenane	16 00
O. Demers, groceries, to C. Derwain.....	8 00
C. F. Blake, groceries, to Fred Elwell.....	\$32 61
Geo. M. Hanson, rent, to Fred Elwell.....	22 50
A. Gaudette, fuel, to Fred Elwell.....	7 00
Richards & Co., fuel, to Fred Elwell.....	3 75
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	\$65 86
Geo. J. Frechette & Co., groceries, to Peter Fleurie.....	5 01
O. Demers, groceries, to Joseph Gastonguay....	10 00

E. P. Hurd, groceries, to John Hallam.....	\$5 00	
Richards & Co., fuel, to John Hallam.....	3 00	
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		\$8 00
Riley & Murnane, groceries, to James Jubert...	\$8 15	
Richard & Co., fuel, to James Jubert.....	3 00	
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		\$11 15
S. James & Son, groceries, to John J. Lilly.....	5 00	
G. J. Frechette & Co., groceries, to Frank Le- breau		15 00
Herbert Jacques, groceries, to Mrs. J. Lacasse		13 26
Riley & Murnane, groceries, to T. Mullen.....	\$6 95	
C. F. Blake, groceries, to T. Mullen.....	3 04	
C. E. Brown, milk, to T. Mullen	83	
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		\$10 82
A. Gaudette, transportation, to Joseph Maguan		9 60
Richards & Co., fuel, to R. Mason... ..	\$24 30	
C. H. Weymouth, rent, to R. Mason.....	25 00	
C. F. Blake, groceries, to R. Mason.....	75 49	
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		\$124 79
W. B. Martin, incidental expenses.....		5 40
Geo. J. Frechette & Co., groceries, to Joseph Neadeau		9 00
P. L. Moran, groceries, to James O'Kane		4 70
J. K. Towle, rent, to Thomas Stanton.....	\$34 80	
A. L. Faunce, burial, to Mrs. Stanton.....	12 00	
J. W. Bates. shoes, to Stanton children.....	2 88	
W. R. Tibbetts, clothing, to Stanton children...	5 25	
W. B. Martin, expense to Manchester, to Stan- ton children		5 50
St. Joseph's home for boys, board, for Stanton children.....		37 50
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		\$97 93

Ellen Minelhan, rent, to Alex. Stone	\$37 50
Richards & Co., fuel, to Alex. Stone.....	13 25
S. C. Horne, groceries, to Alex. Stone.....	4 47
County of Strafford, board, to Alex. Stone.....	4 00
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	\$59 22
Richards & Co., fuel, to F. Turcote	3 75
Stephen Davis, board, to Charles Wedgewood..	\$96 00
John W. Bates, shoes, to Charles Wedgewood..	1 50
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	\$97 50
N. H. Asylum, board, to Henry Willette.....	35 81
Martin & Wentworth, expenses to Concord, to Augustus A. Young	\$10 47
N. H. Asylum, board to Jan. 1, to Augustus A. Young	69 67
W. B. Martin, express on remains, to Augustus A. Young	5 00
A. L. Faunce, services and burial, to Augustus A. Young.....	12 00
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	\$97 14
B. & M. Railroad, transportation.....	2 95
B. & M. Railroad, transportation	1 18
Brackett & Shaw, meat, to Anthony Urbano....	5 00
Geo. Moore, medicine.....	2 60
Goods and transportation furnished Italians, paid by county.....	133 95
Goods furnished Martin Harrity, paid by county	37 74

SOLDIERS.

Appropriation.....	\$100 00
Cash of E. C. Copeland	5 00
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	\$105 00
G. Commier, milk, to Celia Connelly.....	\$10 56
Brackett & Shaw, meat, to Celia Connelly	5 89
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	\$16 45

Richards & Co., fuel, to Martha Leighton.....	\$11 00
Walter S. Otis, wood, to William H. Littlefield	\$5 00
C. H. Andrews, wood, to Wm. H. Littlefield	5 00
S. C. Horne, groceries, to Wm. H. Littlefield	3 63
B. F. Hanson, team, to Wm. H. Littlefield.....	75

\$14 38

A. L. Faunce, burial, to Arthur Noyes.....	13 00
S. James & Son, groceries, to E. C. Copeland..	5 00

\$59 83

WILLIAM B. MARTIN,

Overseer of the Poor

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., March 1, 1898.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils:

In compliance with the ordinance of the city I present the following report of the fire department for the year ending Feb. 28, 1898:

Since I entered upon my duties, April 1, 1897, there have been four fires and four alarms.

The total amount of property destroyed by fire amounts to about \$1,595 00. Among the heaviest losers were Miss Clark, millinery store, in the bank building, and G. A. Priestly, barn, on Winter street.

The organization is as follows:

Deluge Hose Co. No. 1, fifteen men. Foreman, William F. Hester.

Alert Hose Co. No. 2, twenty men. Foreman, Harry Chick.

Deluge Hose Co. No. 3, fifteen men. Foreman, John Mills.

Conqueror Hose Co. No. 4, fifteen men. Foreman, Burton Etter.

Rescue Hook and Ladder Co., twenty men. Foreman, Charles Bunker.

Stewards—No. 1, Michael J. Berry; No. 2, Eugene Webber; No. 3, T. Jacques; No. 4, Charles Hammet; Hook and Ladder, John Horlor.

INVENTORY.

Deluge No. 1.

1 hose wagon and chemicals.....	\$200 00
900 feet of double-jacket hose.....	475 00
350 feet single-jacket hose.....	85 00

15 rubber coats	\$50 00
16 curtains.....	5 00
2 play-pipes	10 00
1 shut-off nozzle.....	15 00
2 hydrant gates.....	24 00
1 hydrant wrench	50
12 spanners.....	6 00
6 lanterns	2 00
1 stove.....	50 00
1 coal hod.....	25
1 coal shovel.....	25
1 broom.....	25
1 duster and pan.....	1 75
1 shovel.....	75
1 sprinkler.....	50
1 Cooper hose jacket	25 00
Chairs and table.....	15 00

Total	\$966 25
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Alert No. 2.

1 hose carriage.....	\$600 00
1,000 feet double-jacket hose.....	550 00
800 feet single-jacket hose.....	150 00
20 rubber coats and caps.....	70 00
4 lanterns.....	1 40
1 Cooper hose jacket.....	25 00
12 spanners	6 00
1 Eastman coupling	10 00
1 tower ladder.....	1 00
1 cupboard, oil can, etc	10 00
2 play-pipes... ..	30 00
4 shut-off nozzles	30 00
2 hydrant gates.....	24 00

Total	\$1,507 40
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Deluge No. 3.

1 hose carriage.....	\$200 00
1,000 feet double-jacket hose.....	500 00
700 feet single-jacket hose.....	175 00
1 duster	1 00
20 rubber coats and caps.....	75 00
2 play-pipes	30 00
1 play-pipe	5 00
2 axes	2 50
1 jack.....	2 00
2 stoves	75 00
36 chairs	18 00
1 table.....	2 00
12 spanners.....	6 00
2 lanterns.....	50
1 wrench.....	50
2 hydrant gates.....	24 00
1 Cooper hose jacket.....	25 00
Total	<hr/> \$1,141 50

Conqueror No. 4.

1 engine and hose cart.....	\$300 00
1,000 feet double-jacket hose	550 00
300 feet single-jacket hose.....	150 00
12 spanners	6 00
15 rubber coats and caps.....	60 00
3 play-pipes.....	25 00
1 shut-off nozzle	15 00
8 lanterns.....	2 50
1 heater.....	50 00
1 stove	8 00
1 duster, broom, oil, coal hod, shovels	3 00
32 chairs.....	16 00
1 table.....	3 00
6 settees.....	6 00
2 wrenches	75
1 jack, sponge, pail.....	2 00

2 hydrant gates.....	\$24 00
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Total.....	\$1,221 25
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Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.

1 hook and ladder truck.....	\$600 00
20 rubber coats.....	80 00
6 lanterns	2 00
3 stoves.....	80 00
2 coal hods.....	1 00
29 chairs, 1 table.....	18 00
4 axes	4 00
1 crowbar.....	1 00
2 shovels.....	1 00
Brooms	50

Total.....	\$787 50
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Total in department	\$5,623 90
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SUPPLIES ADDED TO DEPARTMENT.

One chemical hose wagon.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would recommend that the city councils take prompt action the incoming year by adding to the department an electric fire alarm system. The need of some accurate fire alarm system is clearly demonstrated at every alarm of fire. Much valuable time is lost in ringing in an alarm for fires, and also for the firemen to locate such an alarm under our present system. I would also recommend that the city councils purchase 2,000 feet of double-jacket hose.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK QUINLIN,

Chief of Fire Department.

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

In accordance with the requirements of the city ordinances I herewith submit the annual report of the highway department, together with a list of tools which are now in possession of the street commissioner.

Soon after entering upon my duties as street commissioner this city was visited by a freshet which caused a damage to the highways of nearly one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and again, just previous to the closing of this year, the city was visited by one of the largest snow-storms in its history, causing an expense of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200). During my term of office the extension of Grand street to West High street was made passable, causing an expense of four hundred dollars (\$400), and a sewer through the Brick-yard district, so-called, laid, at an expense of six hundred dollars (\$600). A new concrete sidewalk was laid on Main street and considerable repairs were made to sidewalks throughout the city. An extension of 625 feet was made to the Main street sewer, commencing at the Burleigh Hill and extending to the junction of Indigo Hill road. Also an extension of 100 feet to the Myrtle street sewer. The highways and sidewalks have received the best attention possible to please the citizens in general.

LIST OF TOOLS.

Fifteen drills; 4 striking hammers; 2 receiver scoops; 3 crow-bars; 4 rakes; 16 snow-shovels; 1 saw; 2 nigger hoes; 2 oil cans; 1 steam road-roller; 1 stone-crusher; 1 road-machine; 1 two-horse scraper; 18 common shovels; 20 picks; 2 mallets; 3 stone-hammers; 1 jigger; 4 receivers; 4 traps; 1 derrick; 3 snow-plows; 3 rammers, 14 lanterns; 1 pair rubber boots; 1 fall; lot of Akron pipe.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. A. WIGGIN,

Street Commissioner.

REPORT
OF
THE COMMITTEE ON OBSTRUCTION
OF STREETS, HIGHWAYS, ETC.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., March 1, 1898.

*To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils of the City of
Somersworth :*

Gentlemen :—Your committee on obstructing streets, highways, etc., will make the following report :

Whole number of licenses granted.....	41
Moving buildings.....	1
Building and repairing.....	10
Entering the sewer.....	30

Respectfully submitted,

M. V. B. WENTWORTH,

Committee.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF SOMERSWORTH
INCLUDING A
DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES DURING THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1897-98.

JAMES A. EDGERLY, Chairman.

W. E. PIERCE, Secretary.

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Leonard O. Day, Ward 1,	Term expires	1900.
E. B. White, Ward 2,	“ “	1898.
S. C. Horne, Ward 3,	“ “	1898.
H. E. Morrissey, Ward 4,	“ “	1898.
M. A. Kearns, Ward 5,	“ “	1899.
James A. Edgerly, appointed,	“ “	1899.
C. F. Blake, “	“ “	1900.
N. Leduc, “	“ “	1900.
W. E. Pierce, “	“ “	1899.

SUB-COMMITTEES, 1897-98.

Finance and Claims.—Messrs. Morrissey, White, Kearns.

Qualifications of Teachers.—Messrs. Edgerly, Morrissey, Blake.

Text Books and Apparatus.—Messrs. Edgerly, Morrissey, Pierce.

Music and Drawing.—Messrs. White, Day, Kearns.

Health.—Messrs. Leduc, Horne, White.

Truancy.—Messrs. Kearns, White, Morrissey.

High School.—Messrs. Edgerly, Morrissey, Pierce.

Grammar Schools.—Messrs. Horne, Day, Blake.

Primary Schools.—Messrs. White, Horne, Kearns.

Ungraded Schools.—Messrs. Day, Horne, Leduc.

Evening Schools.—Messrs. Blake, Horne, Leduc.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL BOARD.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., February 24, 1898.

To His Honor the Mayor and the City Councils of Somersworth:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit herewith the report of the public schools of this city for the year ending February 15, 1898.

The report of our superintendent, together with the reports of the several sub-committees and the secretary of the board, hereunto annexed, gives the work covered by the several grades in detail, and also an itemized account of the expenditures for the past year.

These reports show the general condition of all our schools during the current year to have been more favorable than usual, and in several of them there has been marked improvement. This improved condition is largely due to the faithful and conscientious work of Mr. W. N. Cragin, our superintendent of schools, whose untiring efforts to advance the schools and improve their condition will be felt still more in the future than it is at present.

The greatest evils and most serious hindrances to the success of our schools are tardiness and absence. Perhaps this fact does not indicate a lack of interest in the schools, so much as a lack of knowledge of the evil it produces. It is not the pupil alone, who is five or ten minutes late, that suffers, but the whole school is thrown into disorder by the tardy scholar coming into school late, and several minutes are lost before order is completely restored and attention is given to books.

Absence, which is but little worse than tardiness, is excusable only when it is absolutely necessary, on account of sickness, or other good reasons. Children should never be allowed to stay out of school for trivial causes.

Punctuality is vital to the success of the school, for pupils cannot make steady and satisfactory progress who are more or less inconstant in attendance. The responsibility of irregular attendance rests largely upon the parents. Children who are trained to be punctual at home manifest the same habit and disposition in the school-room. Home training and home influences have much to do with determining the character of our schools. Around the fireside of home children learn the lessons that shape their conduct in after life. Parents who desire to establish the first elements of a successful business character in their children, should see that they are at school regularly and at the right time, and thereby prevent the formation of careless and negligent habits through irregular attendance at school, for such habits once formed will injure them through all the years to come.

Many think it is too hard for their children to attend school regularly, and they are inclined to charge every ill that children are liable to, to overwork in school. Children brought up to have a contempt for hard work will never succeed in anything. If the boys and girls of this generation expect to become scholars and make a mark in life, they will have to do much hard work, for hard work is a condition of success in scholarship and business alike; it is the only source of wealth and all material greatness.

History shows that it is not the children who are reared in wealth, luxury and idleness, but rather those who have worked up by their own unaided exertions, that have become the most useful citizens and the most shining ornaments of society.

The teachers of our public schools are intrusted by the state with one of its most tender cares, and it looks to them for the formation of such minds as will enhance its society, perfect its laws and adorn its history. Therefore all our teachers should be selected from young men and women of the greatest intellect and the highest character. The blank mind of childhood receives the impress of the teacher's character, and is always more influenced by example than precept. The truest and best teachers are those who succeed, not so much in cramming these scholars heads with dates and rules, as im-

planting in their hearts a love of knowledge. Children should be taught how to study, as well as what to study, and then they will go on learning when their school days are over.

School-teaching is a responsible business that needs maturity in age and correctness in judgment. Teachers are not competent to instruct and govern a school until they have gained a perfect mastery over themselves. Successful teachers are able to adapt themselves to circumstances, and will never treat all children alike, any more than a successful doctor would apply one medicine to all sorts of diseases.

Teachers should never be employed on account of friendship or acquaintance, but choice should always be made on qualifications for success. Tact, judgment, and knowledge of human nature are as necessary to success as a knowledge of books. Teachers with high literary attainments frequently, through lack of energy, patience, firmness, and aptness to teach, make ignominious failures; while others, with a superficial knowledge of books, yet possessing the latter qualifications, meet with flattering success. Teachers who love their employment more than money or station are the ones most likely to succeed.

In no other country in the world does the subject of education possess that degree of importance and engross so much attention as in our own. The people must be intelligently educated if they are to govern themselves. The most interesting and important of all our republican institutions are our public schools. Under our form of government they must always remain so; for free government and free schools are inseparably connected. No government ever did or can long exist without it provides for the education of the masses.

Ancient Egypt, the land of luxury, letters and libraries, was a government good in many respects, but without a system of schools for the people and it long since passed away. Persia, the land of flowery fancy and princely profligacy, occasionally had a ruler who placed great stress upon the education of his own children, but the Persian empire had no provision for educating the people and it fell to pieces long ago.

Even the Hebrew nation, God's chosen people, notwith-

standing all that has been said and written about "the schools of the prophets," had, as a nation, no schools and no school system worthy of the name. And the illustrious throne upon which sat David and Solomon fell because it was not supported by a system of national education for the people.

Greece had great philosophers and schools, but they were entirely independent of the government, so there was no harmony of thought, no unanimity of purpose among the people, and the Grecian republics have long since disappeared from the catalogue of nations.

Rome, that once mighty and powerful empire, was also without a system of popular education, and her "decline and fall" may be attributed to the same cause. These ancient governments were established for the protection and defense of the lives, liberty and property of the governed; in return for which, obedience to the laws was rendered and order maintained. But the gradual advancement of civilization added the science of human development as an indispensable requisite to the success and perpetuity of all governments. Consequently the public school has become the nation's college where the masses receive their education. It is claimed from the community as a right, not accepted as a bounty. Here the children of the rich and poor, the high and low, meet upon perfect equality and commence life under the same auspices.

The laughing children of our public schools, with their rosy cheeks, mischievous eyes and intelligent faces, will be the fathers and mothers of the next generation, and from among them will go forth the men and women who are to control the affairs of this mighty nation, whose power will eventually rule the destinies and shape the institutions of the civilized world.

Money expended in maintaining our public schools is profitably invested. Of their value and necessity there can be but one opinion among intelligent people.

No institution should be more jealously guarded or generously sustained. By providing well for the education of the young the value of all our taxable property is increased, and a law-abiding and intelligent population attracted and retained that will build it up and strengthen our community.

Every resident of our city should feel a personal interest in maintaining our educational system, in building up and strengthening our schools, in making their standard higher and their work better. The permanency and high standard of the schools of our city are of vast importance to us all.

It is a matter of common knowledge that our city is in need of more school room. Our schools have outgrown the capacity of our present school buildings, and a new building must be built, or additions and changes will have to be made to the present ones. This matter is so fully gone into by the elaborate report of the committee on finance and claims that it is not necessary for me to refer to it, only in a general way.

Neat, comfortable and convenient school buildings are indispensable for successful and profitable schools. While extravagance is not advocated, it is believed that such building should be built in a substantial manner, commodious and attractive, well heated and ventilated. Good school buildings are an honor and credit to our city and we cannot afford to be without them.

Our people have always been liberal in the appropriations of money for meritorious purposes. It is only useless expenditures and reckless extravagance of which they complain. In making our appropriations for school purposes we must all remember that there are other and higher considerations than money, which look beyond the horizon of the school-room to distant years, when the boys and girls, clothed with the attributes and responsibilities of manhood and womanhood, shall take their places as members of the community; and it is the desire of all that the sons and daughters of our city should go out into the world with a good education, with a high sense of their obligations as citizens, with a warm and filial love for the institutions of their country, and a steadfast purpose ever to maintain and defend them.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. EDGERLY,

Chairman of School Board.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF SCHOOL BOARD.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., February 24, 1898.

To the Chairman and Members of the School Board of the City of Somersworth, N. H.:

GENTLEMEN:—The secretary of the board herewith presents his report for the fiscal year ending February 15, 1898.

During the year I have been at the room of the school board regularly one evening each week, Friday, from 7.30 to 9 P. M. Teachers send in orders for their various needs, books, supplies, etc., which are countersigned by the secretary, and sent out Mondays under the direction of Miss Lawlor. Much the same method of managing the work of the secretary has prevailed as during previous years.

All moneys received by me during the year, except the income from Chandler fund, have been paid into the hands of the city treasurer. Accompanying this report is a statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending February 15, 1898.

CHANDLER FUND.

On hand at beginning of the year.....	\$35 11
Two years' income paid to me by city treasurer.....	70 60
Total amount on hand.....	\$105 71

The accounts of the secretary have been audited and their certificate is appended.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. PIERCE,
Secretary of School Board.

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIVED.

From tuition	\$64 00
books, paper, etc.....	13 26
Miss Eastman, Orange St. fence..	12 26
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	\$89 52
City Treasurer, cash paid for sun-	
dries	\$30 23
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	\$119 75

SUMMARY OF CASH PAID.

To postage, freight, carting, lecturer, etc	\$30 23
To amount paid city treasurer for books, paper, etc.....	\$13 26
To amount paid city treasurer for tui- tion.....	64 00
To amount paid city treasurer for money from Miss Eastman.....	12 26
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	\$89 52
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	\$119 75

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, N. H., February 25, 1898.

This certifies that we have this day examined the within accounts of the secretary of the school board of said city, showing receipts and expenditures, and that we have found the expenditures properly vouched for and footings correct.

(Signed)

CHARLES F. BLAKE,

H. ANSEL HAYES,

Auditors for the City of Somersworth.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., February 24, 1898.

To the School Board of the City of Somersworth:

Herewith is presented my first report as superintendent of schools.

In view of the limited time that has elapsed since I became connected with these schools, my report must necessarily be somewhat general in character. Instead of recommending radical changes, it has seemed best to me to make a careful study of the conditions as they are, of the methods employed and of the work as at present laid down, to the end that whatever is good may be retained and the weak points strengthened only as experience proves them to be weak.

While it is desirable that the educational ideals as well as the educational practice of our schools should be up to the accepted standards of the best communities, yet it is to be remembered that excellence is attained only by the natural process of growth; and, if it appears that we are below the standards of the best communities, we should not attempt to remedy the matter by the adoption of some specious short cut, but set ourselves resolutely to work to grow up to the required standard.

The first condition of intelligent growth is a clear understanding of our present position; and this brings us to the consideration of our schools as they are.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

A school system is a structure built up from the bottom, not down from the top; and as in any building, its safety and permanency depend upon the character of its foundations. The amount and quality of the work that can be accomplished in the high and grammar schools depends very large-

ly upon the character of the work done in the primary schools. If the work there is unsatisfactory its effects will be felt all through the course. In any attempt, then, to build up a thoroughly good system of schools, the low grades should receive the first attention.

It seems to me, from my brief observation of their work, that here is the most defective part of our system. The work of the first grade primaries is not nearly so good as it ought to be, and their failure to do properly the work of the first year makes good work in the higher primaries difficult.

The chief reasons for the unsatisfactory condition of these schools is not poor teaching, but the conditions which render *real* teaching impossible. During the fall term of the present year, of the four first grade primary rooms, the smallest numbered fifty-six pupils, and only one numbered less than sixty-two. When it is remembered that many of these children speak little or no English, the reason for the poor work in these grades is plain. No teacher, whatever her ability, can properly instruct sixty, or even fifty, first grade pupils. Forty pupils ought to be the maximum number in any grade; and in the first grade anything beyond that number I believe to be excessive. Children, when they first come to school, are so helpless and need so much of the teacher's personal oversight and direction, that when her time has to be divided among fifty or sixty the share which falls to each one is insufficient, and the result is that children are two years in doing the work that, under favorable conditions, they could easily do in one. The loss of a year may not seem a great matter when the child is only six or seven years old, but when he becomes fourteen or fifteen years of age the loss begins to grow serious, especially for those children whose school life ends when they reach the age when they may legally work in the mills.

With a smaller number of pupils under her charge, the teacher's mind would be less diverted from the teaching process by the difficulties of maintaining discipline; she would divide her school into groups; such that no one would be left to its own devices long enough to fall asleep, or into idleness, while the others are being taught; she could give

her thought to the perfection of methods of teaching rather than to the invention of devices to keep the children still; she could plan her busy work so that it would teach something, and not merely amuse. For these reasons I would urge that, as soon as possible, steps may be taken to reduce the numbers in the first grade primary rooms by the establishment of another first grade room. The present teachers are doing, I think, all that should be expected of them under existing conditions, but the conditions are certainly wrong, and I believe that good work cannot be secured until a change is made.

The work of the higher primary grades is more satisfactory. In some of them the effects of a bad start are noticeable, and the children are not up to grade; but, as the number of pupils in these rooms is not excessive, some modifications of the course of study, together with careful and earnest work on the part of the teachers, may be expected to remedy existing defects in due time.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The grammar schools, now situated in the high school building, although I believe they are doing good work, could do very much better and more satisfactory work if the accommodations were such that each school could be of normal size, have a well-lighted, well-ventilated school-room to itself, and be in charge of one teacher. The present arrangement whereby there is an extra teacher and a small recitation-room for each school is unsatisfactory and expensive and should be discontinued as soon as possible.

The grammar schools in the Union and Orange street buildings are well provided for, and are in a condition to meet all demands that may properly be made upon them.

Some changes in the grammar school course of study seem to me desirable. I would have the subject of geography extended through the eighth year instead of stopping with the seventh, and the subject of history, which touches it at so many points, I would begin at least two years earlier than it now is, and in connection with it, I would teach the nature

of our government and the duties of citizenship. Instead of deferring the study of the sciences until the high school is reached, I would teach the elements of science in all the lower grades, so that habits of observation may be formed, a lively interest awakened, and considerable fundamental knowledge of these useful subjects acquired before the pupil reaches the high school.

I would also begin the study of literature in the lower grades instead of the high school, and make it a continuous course as long as the pupil remains in school.

Children, when they have mastered the mechanical process, will read something; and it is only by cultivating a taste for good reading, that we can hope to counteract the influence of the trashy, poisonous stuff that is so freely circulated to-day.

To cultivate this taste for what is good and pure we must begin early and labor long; but it is a work that the public schools must do; and it can be done, with the help of the home influence; in some instances, without such help.

The fears, expressed by some, that the introduction of so many subjects into the grammar school course would crowd out the older subjects of arithmetic and grammar, have proved groundless. Experience has proved that there is plenty of room for all, and that the introduction of new subjects does not mean poorer, but better work, in the old. One of the most noticable effects of broadening the range of school studies and connecting them with the pupil's everyday experience is the decrease in the number of dull pupils. There are, and always will be, quick pupils and slow pupils, but that dense stupidity which wears out the patience of teachers is not usually due to lack of intelligence but to lack of interest, and the wider our range of study the better is our chance of awakening an interest in all our pupils. The old idea that a course of study is an arbitrary thing, and that pupils must interest themselves in its subject matter or suffer the consequences of their neglect, is giving place to the newer idea that courses of instruction should be planned with reference to the known interests of the pupils.

HIGH SCHOOL.

As with the primary and grammar schools, the subject of accommodations must be referred to again. The school needs more room in order to do well the work that is expected of it. The whole building, a part of which it now occupies, is none too large for its present needs. A high school which pretends to prepare its graduates for admission to college must have well-equipped physical and chemical laboratories. The latest college entrance requirements call for work that requires such equipment. A library room would also be a valuable feature in connection with the work in english and history. The school is at present in good condition,—teachers and pupils working harmoniously together, and the quality of the work accomplished is, I believe, as good as is to be found in similar high schools elsewhere.

The course of study for this school needs some revision, as it is hardly in accord with accepted ideas of high school work; but as the course of study must depend in some measure upon the accommodations at our disposal, its revision must be delayed for a time.

Two facts are worthy of note at this time. First—that the enrollment of most city high schools has been increasing rapidly during the past few years. Second—that there is a decided tendency toward the practical in high school studies. The commercial course is now a popular feature in many Massachusetts high schools; and, as an english course modified to give some special training for business, it is growing in favor.

I mention these facts, as some plans must be made for our high school in the near future; and a considerable increase in our enrollment is certainly among the possibilities. The next entering class will certainly be large, and with proper equipment and attractive courses of study, the school should enter upon a period of vigorous growth.

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

Although the school on Prospect street is classed as an ungraded school, yet as a matter of fact it is very well graded.

This reduces the number of ungraded schools maintained by the city to two. Of these, the one on Blackwater is a very small school and the pupils are mostly quite young.

It is doubtful if a school whose average membership is not more than six can be profitably maintained, and if satisfactory arrangements could be made for transporting the pupils it would no doubt be better for them to attend the graded schools of the city. The school at Woodvale, on the other hand, is a large school; whether or not it is growing larger I am not able to say, but the present number is sufficient to tax the energies of one teacher severely, and if the number of pupils should greatly increase it will be necessary to divide the school in order to maintain its present efficiency. About twenty-five pupils is the maximum number that can be well taught in an ungraded school. For the past year the number enrolled in this school has been considerably larger than that; but the school has been in charge of an experienced teacher who has kept the work of the school up to a high standard of excellence.

I wish to offer for the consideration of the board this suggestion—that when another school year begins, if it can be brought about conveniently, an ungraded school be opened somewhere in the central part of the city for the benefit of those pupils who work in the mills and only attend school the time that the law requires. These pupils do not get along well in our graded schools, and would make far greater progress in a school that was ungraded. Such a school would also benefit many pupils who, on account of sickness or other cause, fall behind their classes.

IN GENERAL.

While I am able to report that the schools are in pretty good condition, yet improvement seems to me to be possible and desirable along certain lines. The only new departure that has thus far been made this year is in the matter of writing. The vertical hand is now taught in the schools, in place of the form that has been in use for so many years. It is too early yet to note the results of the change, but it is be-

lieved that it will produce a handwriting that is more generally legible and sufficiently rapid for ordinary business purposes.

Under our graded school system it is important that every pupil should be present every day. If he is not, some part of the work is left undone, and only extra work on the part of the pupil and teacher can make it good.

While we do not expect a perfect attendance, yet it seems to me only reasonable to require pupils to attend school every day unless detained at home for some *good* reason. Going to school should be the business of the child while he is a member of the school, and it should be attended to with the same fidelity that any other business would demand. Parents who believe in the habits of regularity and punctuality should add their influence to that of the schools, to the end that their children may form such habits early in life. While occasional tardiness is necessary and excusable, yet habitual tardiness is a fault not to be overlooked. With the exception of honesty there is no business virtue more highly esteemed than punctuality. It is the business of the schools to teach it just as much as it is to teach arithmetic, and it is the duty of the parent to lend his aid that the teaching may be effective.

The record of these schools in the matter of tardiness is not good. The returns from fifteen schools for the year ending last June show that there were 1,958 instances of tardiness during the year. Assuming that the remaining five schools, which were not reported, had the same average number, it would make a total of 2,480, a number more than four times as large as that reported by the city of Dover, which has a school enrollment very much larger than ours. Such a record is creditable neither to the schools nor to the community. We shall make an effort to improve it the coming year and earnestly request the co-operation of the parents.

Given prompt and regular attendance on the part of the pupils, we shall endeavor to make our teaching conform to the best usages that prevail. In recent years the idea has become prevalent that intellectual training is not the chief

function of the public schools; that the training of children to become good men and women is more important than training them to become scholars. While I would not devote less careful thought to the training of the intellect, yet it seems to me that we should devote more of our time and energy to the moral training of our pupils. The need of this nation is good citizenship—men and women whose action is based upon principle, not caprice, who are earnest, honest and industrious.

The cultivation of these virtues belongs to the home, but it belongs to the school as well. Neither agency can be depended upon to do the work alone, but working together they can exert a powerful influence for good upon the coming generation of citizens.

In order to do their best work the public schools need the active support and intelligent criticism of the community. It is not enough to provide the funds and elect a good school board. The community at large should become acquainted with its school system, and approve or disapprove it upon rational grounds.

The formation of educational associations—a movement started some years ago—promises to be of much help to the schools. Briefly stated, the idea is this—The citizens of a community form an association for the investigation and free discussion of educational work and educational problems. Information is obtained from reports of committees presented from time to time to the association, and these reports are made the subject for general discussion. Lectures are given from time to time by skilled educators, whenever expert testimony is desired. The work of these associations, where they have been formed, has had a most stimulating effect upon the schools and has resulted in a deeper interest in, and a better understanding of, the work of the schools by the public at large.

This movement has somewhat recently found its way into New Hampshire, and I should welcome its advent here; for it would mean better conditions and a better appreciation of school work and better schools for this community.

In conclusion I will say that although improvement is possible and necessary in many things, yet the outlook for these schools seems to me hopeful. They are liberally supported, and we have a body of teachers who are earnest and progressive. Already a club has been formed for professional study and improvement, and the result of such study will certainly be better and more intelligent teaching in the schools.

Tables of statistics are appended which may prove of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. CRAGIN,

Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1897.

Name of School.	No. of Weeks.	Total No. Registered, Exclusive of Duplicate Enrollments.			Average Number Belonging	Average Daily Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	Pupils Under Six Years of Age.	Pupils Over Sixteen Years of Age.
		Boys	Girls	Total					
High School	38	23	37	60	57	52	.9122	0	42
First Grammar	37	34	31	65	60	57	.9500	0	6
Second Grammar	37	29	26	55	55	49	.8909	0	5
Orange St. Grammar	37	25	24	49	41	38	.9268	0	0
Union Grammar	37	14	14	28	27	25	.9259	0	0
Orange St. 1st Primary	36	19	18	37	30	29	.9666	0	0
" 2d Primary	36	17	18	35	32	30	.9375	0	0
" 3d Primary	36	27	21	48	38	35	.9210	0	0
" 4th Primary	36	16	21	37	30	28	.9132	0	0
" 5th Primary	36	45	47	92	74	67	.9054	24	0
Union 1st Primary	36	18	17	35	29	28	.9436	0	0
" 2d Primary	36	25	10	35	28	26	.9285	0	0
" 3d Primary	36	42	44	86	52	57	.9807	0	0
" 4th Primary	36	29	31	60	47	44	.9361	0	0
" 5th Primary	36	67	38	105	72	67	.9351	56	0
" 6th Primary	36	41	29	70	49	42	.8571	17	0
" 7th Primary	36	27	26	53	39	36	.9230	0	0
Woodvale	37	26	23	49	28	25	.8929	12	0
Prospect St.	36	19	22	41	32	27	.8437	19	0
Blackwater	25	6	3	9	6	5	.9227	4	0
Totals		549	500	1049	827	762	.9214	132	53

The following is the enrollment for the term ending December 17, 1897:

High school.....	68
Grammar schools.....	178
Primary schools.....	546
Ungraded schools.....	71
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Total	863

The enrollment, below the high school, by grades, is as follows:

Ninth grade.....	54
Eighth "	38
Seventh "	47
Sixth "	40
Fifth "	57
Fourth "	75
Third "	79
Second "	92
First "	242

The following are names of pupils graduated from the high school in June, 1897:

Charles Pearl Andrews, Jr.,	Ina May Guilmette,
Helen Harmon,	Eleanor Louise Hawksworth,
Annie Belle Locke,	Eunice Evelyn Locke,
Otis Barney Morse,	Georgia Lillian Nichols.

LIST OF TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF SOMERSWORTH, N. H.

Mr. W. N. Cragin,	Superintendent,	\$ 600 00 per year
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HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. E. S. Watson,	Principal,	1,200 00 per year
Miss Ella A Newhall,	Assistant,	600 00 “
Miss W. L. Harmon,	Assistant,	600 00 “

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Mr. J. D. Montgomery,	Principal,	900 00 per year
Miss Belle Quimby,	Assistant,	450 00 “
Miss Nellie Merrick,	Senior Teacher,	450 00 “
Miss Ina M. Cheney,	Assistant,	400 00 “
Miss Alicia Lawlor,	Orange St. building,	475 00 “
Miss Stella Downing,	Union St. building,	450 00 “

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Miss F. H. Mayo,	Orange St., 5th grade,	360 00 per year
Miss Alice M. Hodsdon,	Union St., 5th grade,	360 00 “
Miss Annie Hodsdon,	Orange St., 4th grade,	360 00 “
Miss Josephine Preston,	Union St., 4th grade,	360 00 “
Miss Mary F. Kelley,	Orange St., 3d grade,	360 00 “
Miss Jessie G. Lord,	Union St., 3d grade,	360 00 “
Miss Lizzie M. Drew,	Orange St., 2d grade,	360 00 “
Miss Etta F. Martin,	Union St., 2d grade,	360 00 “
Miss Mary A. Parsons,	Orange St., 1st grade,	360 00 “
Miss Fannie A. Cate,	Union St., 1st grade,	360 00 “
Miss Alice C. Spaulding,	Union St., 1st grade,	360 00 “
Miss Flora B. Folsom,	Union St., 1st grade,	270 00 “

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

Miss M. Addie Emery,	Woodvale school,	440 00 per year
Miss Lillian M. Weeden,	Prospect St. school,	360 00 “
Miss Ethel M. Andrews,	Blackwater school,	6 00 per wk.

SPECIAL TEACHERS.

Mrs. M. Eva Robinson,	Music,	475 00 per year
Miss Ethel S. Chute,	Drawing, one term,	280 00 “
Miss Grace W. Livesey,	Drawing, two terms,	240 00 “

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Teachers paid \$4 00 per week. School keeps four nights each week.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUSIC AND DRAWING.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., February 24, 1898.

*To the Chairman and Members of the School Board of the
City of Somersworth, N. H.:*

GENTLEMEN:—We believe that our schools, in music and drawing, are in every way a credit to our city, owing to the faithful supervision of Mrs. Robinson and Miss Chute. We have only one thing to regret, and that is the departure of Miss Chute, the drawing teacher, from our midst. A position having been offered her in the schools at her own home in Massachusetts, she felt it to be her duty to accept, resigning her position here about the first of January. The schools have, therefore, been without a teacher of drawing for a brief period, but we have secured a competent instructor in Miss Grace Winnifred Livesey, and we trust that the work will go on as successfully as before.

This teacher gives instructions two days a week in the schools of the city. As we unite with Dover in this branch of study, the remainder of the week is devoted to the Dover schools.

We reiterate what we said last year, that "we wish the parents would visit the schools and observe the work done on these lines." They would be encouraged at the degree of efficiency attained in all of the grades, and the teachers would most certainly feel that the public appreciated their work, as well as the school board.

We incorporate in this report information furnished by Mrs. Robinson, which will be of interest:

"A year ago the 'natural music course' was introduced into the schools. It has fulfilled my expectations. The system is so graded that the teachers are prepared to handle the work. Certain difficulties, that formerly were real difficulties

to pupils, are now easily overcome. The charts are exceedingly helpful. Individual work has been carried on so far as practicable.

The work in the primary grades is more satisfactory than ever before, as the teachers are proving quite competent in presenting the various problems of time and rhythm.

An improvement in tone-quality is noticeable. This is due largely to less noisy, careless, rote-song singing. My teachers co-operate with me to establish rhythm and expression, and general finish to the rote songs, rather than mere words and noise.

A study of the fundamental principles of harmony has been pursued as in former years. This proves helpful in several ways. The subject is presented in such a manner that each exercise in mental training is subsequently used as an exercise in voice-building and ear-training. It is also helpful to those studying instrumental music. I have found it advantageous in the upper grades, in connection with the regular work, to bring before my pupils the compositions of great minds, and an interest and growth were greatly increased.

During the last few years, it is sufficient to say, the whole trend of educational thought is somewhat changed. Music has its place in education, and is correlated with other branches in the school curriculum. Our duty as its advocates and teachers is to so teach that its full force may be felt. When we can do this, and have done our best, there will be no doubt as to whether the music teacher knows how to correlate her work with other branches of study, for its influence will everywhere be felt."

Quotations are also inserted here, furnished by Miss Chute:

"We have used brushes for the first time this year in nearly all the rooms. Ink has been used with them, and good results have ensued. The use of the brush gives training of great value which cannot be given by the pencil alone. Some of the teachers report an improvement in free arm movement in writing, which has resulted from the use of the

brush in the drawing lessons. The pupils ought to go on with the brushes, using color instead of ink. I think that when a child expresses the color of an object he expresses the form more correctly.

Colored pencils have been used for the first time in the three lower primary classes. The results from this work have been far better than our expectations. The children's interest has been intense, and the drawings have been very true to nature.

In the lower grades, the study of the actual facts of the solids, number of faces, shapes of faces, etc., has gone hand in hand with a study of their appearance under different conditions. This prepares the way for perspective drawing in the grammar grades. An outline of the work in all the grades for the year has been prepared by me and printed."

While these instructors tried not to demand too much from the teachers, still they were asked to do a great deal, and in every case there was manifested the most cheerful willingness to do all that was possible, and they acknowledge their obligations for their conscientious efforts, and to all who have contributed to the success of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BERTRAM WHITE,

L. O. DAY,

MARK A. KEARNS,

Committee on Music and Drawing.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEXT BOOKS AND APPARATUS.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., February 24, 1898.

*To the Chairman and Members of the School Board of the
City of Somersworth, N. H.:*

GENTLEMEN:—There have been very few changes in books during the year, except in readers.

We had in use several series of readers which were old, behind the times, and many of the books getting badly worn. On recommendation of your committee the board voted to drop Appleton's, the old Normal, Harper's Mc'Guffy's, Davis' and Swinton's readers and the Script primers; and putting on the book list the following: Stepping Stones to Literature, Baldwin's Readings by Grades, Finch primer, Hazen's readers and Ethics of Success by Thayer.

No apparatus of any amount has been put in, but if the high school rooms are arranged for better accommodation in way of laboratories, then it will be necessary to purchase considerable.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. EDGERLY,
HENRY C. MORRISCY,
W. E. PIERCE,

Committee on Text Books and Apparatus.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVENING SCHOOLS.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., February 24, 1898.

*To the Chairman and Members of the School Board of the
City of Somersworth, N. H.:*

GENTLEMEN:—Your sub-committee for evening schools respectfully submits the following.

The work has been carried on in the Orange street school building, occupying four rooms, graded as well as the classes would admit of, and under the tutorship of Miss L. M. Weeden, Miss Emma de l'Etoile, Miss M. A. Parsons and Miss Ella Johnson.

The whole number of pupils, 173; average attendance, 120; progress good. We believe the work was arduously pushed, but the attendance was very unsatisfactory and we would recommend some steps be taken whereby we can secure better attendance, and then we may look for still better results.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. BLAKE,
S. C. HORNE,
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Committee on Evening Schools.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., February 24, 1898.

*To the Chairman and Members of the School Board of the
City of Somersworth, N. H.:*

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee on finance and claims begs to submit the following report.

These amounts have been placed to the credit of the department of public instruction during the fiscal year 1897-98.

General appropriation.....	\$17,500 00
Tuition, books and supplies sold, etc.	190 53

\$17,690 53

The expenditures during the year have been as follows:

Repairs.....	\$974 96
Supplies.....	463 27
Miscellaneous.....	230 96
Insurance of buildings for three years	436 50
Census of school children.....	43 75
Cleaning school houses.....	126 00
Superintendent, truant officer and teachers' salaries.....	11,760 36
Secretary's salary	100 00
Transportation of children.....	161 30
Books	1,005 44
Janitors	787 00
Fuel	1,162 15
Evening school.....	228 00
Water rent.....	163 20

\$17,642 89

Unexpended balance.....	\$57 74
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We append a detailed account of expenditures during the year. The insurance on all school buildings was renewed April 1, 1897, for three years, as follows :

High.....	\$10,000 00
Orange street.....	12,000 00
Union street.....	12,000 00
Woodvale	700 00
Prospect street.....	800 00
Horne.....	500 00
Blackwater.....	200 00

No repairs have been made on the Horne or Blackwater buildings during the past year.

During the summer vacation the Prospect street house was painted on the outside, the roof shingled, water and sewer connections made, and a wash bowl placed in the school room.

The roof of the Orange street house has been thoroughly repaired and the interior painted and varnished. The building is now in excellent condition.

At the Union street building only a few minor matters in the way of repairs have required attention.

The house at Woodvale has been painted on the outside and the interior walls whitened. A desk and chair has been bought for the use of the teacher. The blackboards in this building may require a small expenditure for repairs next year.

It is well known by the members of the board that the high school house is not large enough to accommodate the schools now located in that building.

The high school has a membership of sixty-eight with a seating capacity of seventy-one. We believe that the enrollment of this school will be eighty or more at the beginning of the next school year.

The requirements of the high school, in regard to room, are an increased seating capacity in the main room, larger recitation rooms, a physical laboratory and a room for a library. As now used, the present building can furnish none of these advantages.

There are also in the building four teachers and one hundred

and twenty pupils in the grammar grades. We believe that three teachers could do the required work in these grades if the rooms were of suitable size and arrangement.

In this connection it may be well to call your attention to the crowded condition of three schools of the first grade in the Union street and one in the Orange street house.

In view of the above facts your committee believe that a centrally located six room school house should be erected, and the high school building assigned to the sole use of the high school.

If this plan is found not to be feasible, we would suggest that the high school building should be remodeled and enlarged so that it would supply the wants of the high and grammar schools.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. MORRISCY,
E. BERTRAM WHITE,
MARK A. KEARNS,
Committee on Finance and Claims.

DETAILED REPORT OF FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE.

Summary of bills approved for fiscal year ending February 15, 1898.

For repairs.....	\$974 96
supplies	463 27
miscellaneous	937 21
books.....	1,005 44
superintendent, truant officer and teachers.....	11,760 36
janitors	787 00
fuel.....	1,162 15
evening school.....	228 00
transportation of children	161 30
water rent.....	163 20

\$17,642 89

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF BILLS AUDITED FOR YEAR 1897-98.

REPAIRS.

Albert J. Hanson, labor and stock.....	\$3 71
E. W. Folsom, clock.....	4 00
Somersworth Machine Co., labor and fittings	4 94
Somersworth Machine Co., labor, etc.....	4 20
E. W. Folsom, repairing clock.....	75
Murray Bros.....	13
M. Addie Emery, lamp.....	1 50
J. D. Bryant, labor	50 58
C. H. Annis, labor.....	30 00
H. Moulton, ladder.....	14 22
J. D. Bryant, labor and stock.....	85 22
C. H. Annis, labor and cash paid for labor...	68 00
J. D. Bryant, labor.....	14 87
Sewer pay-roll, Prospect street building.....	24 73
John E. Frost, lumber.....	15 83
Murray Bros., labor and stock.....	39 86
C. H. Annis, cash paid labor on drain.....	4 13
John Elwell, labor.....	1 50
Albert J. Hanson, labor and stock.....	2 10
T. F. Day, blackboard slating.....	7 00
Geo. A. Pinkham, labor and stock.....	3 90
S. A. Seavey, hardware.....	86 80
Alexander Stewart labor and stock.....	125 81
Murray Bros., labor and stock.....	16 75
Thomas Sinkerson, labor.....	4 00
Chas. Robinson, Jr., labor.....	4 00
E. W. Folsom, repairing clocks.....	12 00
Frank Tardif, cement.....	1 80
Edmund LeCleve, labor.....	1 00
Thomas Stanton.....	1 50
Som. Waterworks, piping Prospect St. school	19 50
John E. Frost, lumber.....	8 38
Joseph Duford, piping.....	1 20
Geo. A. Pinkham, labor and stock.....	4 33

John W. Sanborn, desk.....	\$15 00
Standard Blackboard Co., repairing black- boards.....	20 58
Geo. A. Pinkham, labor and stock.....	2 00
Joseph Duford, labor.....	3 20
L. O. Day, tuning piano.....	3 00
Albert J. Hanson, labor and stock	5 60
Murray Bros., labor and stock.....	6 05
American Boiler Co., heater fittings.....	10 25
W. D. Merrick, iron work	9 85
John W. Sanborn, chair	5 00
E. A. Tibbets & Son, hardware	11 59
Somersworth Machine Co	90
S. A. Seavey, hardware.....	4 48
Pierce, Butter & Pierce Mfg. Co., heater grates	14 04
Alexander Stewart, labor and stock.....	195 26

\$974 96

SUPPLIES.

Frost and Adams Co., brushes.....	\$ 1 00
A. E. Marshall & Co., letter book.....	3 50
Wm. Simes & Co., brush and oil.....	93
John C. Haynes & Co., repairing drum.....	1 25
Eagle Pencil Co., pencils.....	24 30
S. C. Horne, supplies.....	4 61
Ginn & Co., charts.....	35 50
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies.....	8 47
Free Press Pub. Co., printing diplomas.....	51 00
Murray Bros., dippers, pails, etc.....	4 50
Wm. A. Davis Co., mucilage.....	2 00
Murray Bros., supplies.....	6 00
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., supplies.....	12 03
Eagle Pencil Co., pencils.....	21 00
Wm. A. Davis Co., mucilage.....	2 00
Meade, Dodge & Co., drawing paper.....	23 55
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies.....	40 55
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., laboratory sup- plies	2 75

John Carter & Co., paper.....	\$39 71
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies.....	86 06
Murray Bros, supplies.....	2 55
Geo. F. King & Co., drawing paper.....	10 00
Brown Bros. Co., brushes.....	6 75
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., laboratory sup- plies	6 46
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies	38 70
John C. Haynes & Co., repairing drum	1 50
Free Press Pub. Co., printing blanks, etc.....	13 00
Scales & Quimby, printing drawing manuals	11 37
S. C. Horne, supplies.....	2 23

 \$463 27

MISCELLANEOUS.

Crawford, Tolles & Co., insurance.....	\$300 00
Wm. D. Knapp, insurance.....	64 50
Beacham & O'Connell, insurance.....	72 00
James F. Peavey, truant officer.....	12 00
Fred L. Shapleigh, printing.....	3 50
Great Falls Gas Light Co., gas.....	8 56
American Express Co., express.....	5 65
Free Press Pub. Co., census blanks.....	5 75
James F. Peavey, truant officer.....	27 00
Day & Co., express.....	2 65
L. O. Day, tuning pianos.....	4 00
American Express Co., express.....	65
Clark & Nutter.....	73
C. O. Rankin, janitor Mem. hall.....	2 00
Littlefield Post, No. 8, hall rent.....	5 00
J. D. Montgomery, lettering diplomas.....	14 70
E. W. Blaisdell, ribbon.....	1 60
American Express Co., express.....	45
Richard Young, trucking.....	2 10
J. B. Page, tickets.....	1 00
March & Vermette, ribbon.....	4 24
L. O. Day, use and moving piano.....	14 00
C. M. Dorr, ribbon	74

John A. Dumas, census.....	\$12 00
C. H. Annis, paid for cleaning school houses	119 75
American Express Co., express.....	50
American Express Co., express.....	10 76
B. F. Hanson, teams and weighing coal.....	7 10
W. E. Pierce, secretary.....	50 00
Great Falls Gas Light Co., gas, etc.....	3 23
Richard Young, trucking.....	2 15
Great Falls Gas Light Co., gas	1 80
American Express Co., express.....	1 40
E. B. White, census.....	26 00
American express Co., express.....	6 65
Day & Co., express	6 05
American Express Co.....	2 60
Great Falls Gas Light Co., gas, etc.,.....	9 91
W. E. Pierce, secretary, salary and cash paid for sundries	80 23
Richard Young, trucking.....	3 05
B. F. Hanson, teams.....	2 50
American Express Co., express.....	7 50
Alicia Lawlor, care supply room.....	25 00
S. C. Horne, soapine, etc., cleaning school houses.....	6 25

 \$937 21

BOOKS.

Silver, Burdette & Co., books.....	\$ 7 09
Oliver Ditson & Co., music books.....	5 29
Allyn and Bacon, books.....	4 17
Curtis & Cameron, books.....	3 00
Hinds & Noble, books.....	4 80
Lothrop Pub Co., books.....	3 00
Ginn & Co., books.....	8 08
Ginn & Co., books.....	5 67
Am. Book Co., books.	81 60
Oliver Ditson Co., music books.....	2 58
Silver, Burdette & Co., books.....	70
Ginn & Co., books.....	74 68

Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books.....	\$13 47
Am. Book Co., books.....	45 72
Lothrop Pub. Co., books.....	7 00
Wm. Ware & Co., dictionaries	10 00
Allyn & Bacon, books.....	6 00
T. H. Castor & Co., books.....	5 04
D. C. Heath & Co., books.....	7 50
Thompson, Brown & Co., books.....	52 67
Maynard, Merrill & Co., books.....	5 40
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books.....	38 92
T. H. Castor & Co., books.....	6 80
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books.....	13 27
Wm. Ware & Co., dictionaries.....	6 00
The Macmillan Co., books.....	1 40
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books.....	23 48
Silver, Burdette & Co., books.....	4 05
Oliver Ditson & Co., music books.....	6 08
Allyn & Bacon, books.....	8 17
Maynard, Merrill & Co., books.....	6 20
Educational Pub. Co., books	34
Ginn & Co., writing books and readers.....	108 15
Am. Book Co., books.....	44 04
Thompson, Brown & Co., books.....	14 58
Edw. E. Babb & Co., books.....	7 87
Eldredge & Brother, books	8 33
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books.....	14 63
Lee & Shepard, books.....	1 67
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn.....	19 67
D. C. Heath & Co., books.....	2 34
Silver, Burdette & Co., books.....	242 67
Ginn & Co., books.....	51 52
Werner School Book Co., books.....	5 60
Thompson, Brown & Co., books.....	10 42
Lothrops Publishing Co., books.....	91
Allyn & Bacon, books.....	2 25
D. C. Heath & Co., books.....	2 92

\$1,005 44

SUPERINTENDENT, TRUANT OFFICER AND TEACHERS'
SALARIES.

Pay-roll No. 7	\$1,120 40
8	1,122 40
9	1,148 40
10	1,129 40
Arline Weeden, Ass't, Prospect St.....	14 00
E. Maude Andrews, Blackwater	12 00
Pay-roll No. 1.....	1,219 40
2.....	1,217 40
3.....	1,232 40
4.....	1,221 40
5.....	1,118 40
5½.....	33 00
6.....	1,171 76
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\$11,760 36	

JANITORS' SALARIES.

C. H. Annis	\$750 00
Daniel T. Whitehouse, Woodvale.....	37 00
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\$787 00	

FUEL.

Chas. A. Hurd, wood... ..	\$106 56
Richards & Co., coal.....	940 34
Joseph E. Turcotte, wood.....	3 00
Henry L. Furbush, sawing wood.....	1 00
Frank Tardif, wood	3 50
W. S. Otis, wood and fitting.....	6 00
Chas A. Hurd, wood.....	99 25
G. A. Priestly, wood.....	2 50
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\$1,162 15	

EVENING SCHOOL.

Pay-roll, 12 weeks.....	\$228 00
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WATER.

Somersworth Water Works, rent.....	\$64 12
Somersworth Water Works, rent.....	97 08
Somersworth Water Works, rent.....	2 00

 \$163 20

TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN.

C. A. Moore.....	\$31 10
Mary J. Horne.....	6 00
S. C. Horne.....	11 00
C. A. Moore.....	23 80
Mary J. Horne	4 20
S. C. Horne.....	7 90
C. A. Moore.....	44 60
Mary J. Horne.....	7 00
S. C. Horne.....	13 50
Geo. Worster	12 20

 \$161 30

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUALIFICATION OF TEACHERS.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., February 24, 1898.

*To the Chairman and Members of the School Board of the
City of Somersworth, N. H.:*

GENTLEMEN:—Only three teachers have been examined during the year; those were applicants for positions in primary grades. The examination was conducted by the superintendent; all passed and two have been employed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. EDGERLY,
HENRY E. MORRISCY,
CHARLES F. BLAKE,

Committee on Qualification of Teachers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALTH.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., February 20, 1898.

To the Chairman and Members of the School Board of the City of Somersworth, N. H.:

GENTLEMEN.—The general health of the scholars attending the public schools has been, as a rule, very satisfactory during the year just ended.

It is true, there have been a few cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria, but they were isolated without causing the closing of the schools, and through the energetic measures adopted by our board of health an epidemic was prevented.

The school houses, in general, were well taken care of, well ventilated, and have everything that is necessary for the comfort of the scholars.

We must, however, make an exception of the primary schools, which are too small to accommodate the number of pupils seeking admission.

Last year the board arranged to enlarge and repair these rooms, but the proposed alterations were not made. We believe that it is absolutely necessary for the health and comfort of our children that some arrangement for this improvement be made at once, and we recommend that the incoming board investigate as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

N. LEDUC, M. D.,

SUMNER C. HORNE,

E. BERTRAM WHITE,

Committee on Health.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUANCY.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., February 24, 1898.

To the Chairman and Members of the School Board of the City of Somersworth, N. H.:

GENTLEMEN:—More attention has been given to this department the past year than is usual. While much has been accomplished, things are far from being satisfactory.

The attempt has been made to place within the schools as many as possible of the children of school age who were found at work, but in a great many cases we were obliged to allow them to continue at work. First, for the reason that we were limited for room, many of the lower grades being filled to their utmost capacity; and secondly, on account of the dull times of the past year the children were obliged to work in order to gain a livelihood, but the evil was greatly remedied by the opening of an evening school for those between the ages of six and sixteen who were obliged to work in the day time. The membership of the evening schools has been about 173, and during its continuancy of twelve weeks the attendance has been very good, causing the truant officer but little time or trouble, and a great benefit to the pupils who attended the schools, many of them being capable of doing grammar-grade work.

The heads of the departments in the several mills have greatly assisted us in the work of truants, and also in living up to the school laws.

At the commencement of the school year satisfactory arrangements were made with Rev. Fr. Demers, pastor of St. Martin's church and director of the parochial school, to have the truant officer attend to the cases of truancy which might exist in his schools, as well as the public schools, and the results have been very gratifying both to the Rev. pastor and also to the committee.

We are in hopes some action will be taken at the coming in of the school year whereby suitable rooms will be provided for the already surplus of scholars, and the matter of truancy given more attention.

Below is given a report of the truant officer, who has given more attention to the duties this year than any previous year, as his report will show, and has proven very satisfactory to the committee as well as the teachers.

TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the School Board:

I respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 15, 1898.

Number of complaints from teachers.....	310
Number of complaints from French parochial school...	1
Number of complaints from other sources.....	34
Whole number of complaints received.....	345
Number of cases of absence investigated.....	263
Number of children found absent without good reason..	78
Number found to be truant.....	58
Number found at work illegally.....	6
Number of children not enrolled placed in school.....	29
Number of visits to schools.....	204
Number of visits to families.....	204
Number of visits to manufacturing establishments.....	9
Number of arrests.....	1
Number of children prosecuted.....	1

(Signed) J. F. PEAHEY,

Truant Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK A. KEARNS,

E. BERTRAM WHITE,

HENRY E. MORRISCY,

Committee on Truancy.

CALENDAR ADOPTED FOR THE YEAR 1897-98.

Schools all open September 6, 1897, for fifteen weeks. to December 17, 1897. Vacation, two weeks.

All open January 3, 1898. High and grammar, 13 weeks, to April 1, 1898. Other schools 12 weeks, to March 25, 1898. Vacation, two and three weeks, respectively.

All open April 18, 1898. High, 10 weeks, to June 24, 1898. Other schools, nine weeks, to June 17, 1898.

STATEMENT.

As Made Up From the Books of the City Clerk.

SALARIES.

Benjamin F. Hanson, mayor	\$200 00
John P. Stevens, collector of taxes.....	900 00
Benjamin A. Wiggin, street commissioner	500 00
Charles P. Andrews, street commissioner	125 00
Estate Joseph A. Stickney, city treasurer	50 00
Wm. D. Knapp, city treasurer	170 00
Harry V. Moore, city solicitor.....	400 00
John C. Bunker, sanitary officer	135 00
Daniel Wingate, sanitary officer	33 50
Eldorus B. White, assessor.....	100 00
Joseph Libby, assessor	100 00
Daniel Wingate, assessor.....	100 00
Eldorus B. White, clerk of assessors.....	30 00
John Rowan, city clerk.....	275 00
Fred L. Shapleigh, city clerk.....	25 00
Eldorus B. White, clerk of court.....	150 00
Fred L. Shapleigh, clerk of court.....	26 90
Patrick Mone, clerk of common council..	37 49
George F. Hill, clerk of common council	12 50
Charles O. Rankins, city messenger.....	125 00
Wm. D. Knapp, police justice.....	500 00
Thomas J. Dougherty, city physician.....	75 00
Charles E. Swasey, city physician.....	16 00
Wm. B. Martin, overseer of poor.....	50 00
N. H. Gilbert, liquor agent.....	10 00
Charles F. Blake, auditor.....	5 00
H. Ansel Hayes, auditor.....	5 00
Charles H. Harmon, supervisor	15 00

Joseph Labonte, supervisor.....	\$15 00
Oliver Morin, supervisor	15 00
Archille Plante, supervisor.....	15 00
John Rowan, supervisor.....	15 00
George Heaton, city marshal.....	625 00
Charles C. Allard, city marshal.....	125 00
Wilfred Paquette, assistant marshal	550 00
John C. Burke, assistant marshal.....	100 00
George Litourneau, police	500 00
Louis Letendre, police.....	500 00
William Riley, police.....	500 00
George Heaton, police.....	100 00
Joseph Boulduc, police.....	52 50
Jules Pepin, special police.....	2 62
Charles Kershaw, special police.....	5 25
Timothy Minnehan, special police.....	1 75
Pierce Mullin, special police.....	1 75
Fred Devoe, special police.....	3 50
Thomas Joyal, special police.....	3 50
Louis Devoe, special police.....	3 50
Thomas Ritchie, special police.....	3 50
Patrick Bohan, special police.....	7 00
John E. Mills, special police.....	12 25
John T. Grimes, special police.....	10 50
Cyrus Rollins, special police.....	12 25
Harry Snow, special police	3 50
Dennis J. Sullivan, special police.....	3 50
Oscar Hobbs, special police.....	7 00
John Kershaw, special police.....	10 50
John Pillsbury, special police.....	3 50
Leslie C. Patten, special police.....	3 50
Fred P. Harmon, special police.....	8 75
Peter Perreault, special police.....	5 25
Daniel Daily, special police	3 50
Thomas Jacques, janitor.....	2 00
John E. Horlor, janitor.....	2 00
Michael O'Malley, moderator.....	3 00
Edward J. Perusse, moderator.....	4 00

George J. Frechette, moderator.....	\$11 00
Albert E. Hurd, ward clerk.....	11 00
George F. Wells, ward clerk.....	10 50
Edwin F. Richmond, ward clerk	9 50
Charles P. Andrews, Jr., ward clerk.....	4 00
Alfred W. Durgin, ward clerk.....	17 00
Louis Renard, ward clerk.....	10 50
Isaiah Corliss, selectman.....	3 00
Archille Houle, selectman.....	3 00
William B. Martin, selectman.....	6 00
Fred P. Harmon, selectman	3 00
John A. Bean, selectman.....	7 00
Charles A. Wentworth, selectman.....	11 00
Simeon Lucier, selectman	3 00
Loren D. Casler, selectman	7 00
Charles E. Brown, selectman.....	3 00
Joseph Labonte, selectman.....	3 00
Peter Lebel, selectman.....	3 00
J. A. Casgrain, selectman.....	3 00
Francis Beamish, selectman.....	7 00
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Total	\$7,546 76
Appropriation.....	7,500 00
Overdrawn	46 76

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Quong Sing, fee	\$ 1 54
New England Tel. and Tel. Co., telephoning	55 01
David Wingate, supplies	9 05
Charles C. Allard, meals.....	10 25
Patrick Flanagan, services.....	1 75
John P. Stevens, services	4 10
Great Falls Gas Light Co., gas and supplies	48 95
James McDaniels, services.....	28 20
Wm. F. Harmon, teams.....	23 00
James Williams, services.....	1 75

Wm. F. Harmon, justice of court.....	\$ 4 00
Joseph Lebec, services.....	2 62
James E. Winn, services.....	3 00
E. W. Folsom, supplies.....	16 55
E. F. Gowell, services.....	10 00
Richards & Co., coal.....	117 97
P. D. O'Connell, services.....	13 11
C. H. Wells, justice of court.....	14 84
Burton Etter, photographs.....	14 50
Frank E. Hobbs, services.....	10 00
George Heaton, expense.....	4 78
B. F. Hanson, teams.....	96 25
George Heaton, meals to prisoners.....	46 50
John D. Bryant, labor.....	3 60
Lea Deshaies, witness fee.....	77
Murray Bros., supplies.....	65
Daniel Hodsdon, labor and repairs.....	102 65
James F. Peavey, expenses to Manchester..	11 74
L. M. Hoar, telegrams.....	77
George Heaton, expenses.....	1 88
J. H. Habel, repairs.....	2 15
Albert J. Hanson, repairs.....	4 01
Lorenzo Maddonna, witness fee	1 54
S. A. Seavey, keys.....	60
Somersworth Water Works, water.....	18 00
Free Press Pub. Co., printing.....	9 75
George Letourneau, car fare.....	65
J. H. Habel, stove.....	15 35
Bass & Co., directory.....	2 00
George Heaton, supplies.....	8 75
James L. Stone, supplies.....	1 75
Clark & Nutter, supplies.....	77
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Total	\$725 10
Appropriation	600 00
County of Strafford, expense, Kelley case....	68 89

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Daniel Wingate, labor.....	\$3 84
John Bryant, labor.....	2 75
S. A. Seavey, supplies.....	6 25
Austin Burke, watching fire.....	2 00
William F. Hester, watching fire.....	2 00
Great Falls Gas Light Co., gas.....	13 51
Charles Roy, trucking.....	2 25
E. E. Webber, labor.....	3 00
James A. Farley, watching fire.....	2 00
Joseph Loughlin, watching fire.....	2 00
David Wingate, supplies.....	5 35
Richards & Co., coal.....	9 28
Fred Wiesner, chief engineer.....	6 25
Lewis E. Mellen, assistant engineer....	5 00
George E. Pugsley, assistant engineer....	5 00
Somersworth Machine Co., supplies.....	1 25
John E. Mills, watching fire.....	2 00
Alert Hose Co. No. 2, pay-roll.....	210 00
John McGall, watching fire.....	2 00
Deluge Hose Co. No. 3, pay-roll.....	160 00
Conqueror Co. No. 4, pay-roll.....	160 00
Rescue H. & L. Co., pay-roll.....	210 00
Joseph Vachon, trucking.....	50
John Nadeau, watching fire.....	2 00
Deluge Hose Co. No. 1, pay-roll.....	150 00
Henry Duford, assistant engineer.....	25 00
Jerry Murray, assistant engineer.....	18 75
George F. Hodgdon, watching fire.....	2 00
Charles H. Plummer, assistant engineer...	5 00
L. F. Smith, repairs.....	1 70
Frank L. Marks, hose carriage	175 00
Frank L. Marks, extra supplies.....	25 00
Alfred Seaveney, watching fire.....	2 00
Perlie Leach, watching fire.....	2 00
Fred Prue, watching fire.....	2 00
Conqueror Co. No. 4, pay-roll.....	160 00
Herbert C. Davis, watching fire.....	2 00

Charles Kershaw, labor.....	\$ 6 15
Patrick Quinlan, chief engineer.....	17 50
Rescue H. & L. Co., pay-roll.....	210 00
Deluge Hose Co. No. 1, pay-roll.....	150 00
Deluge Hose Co. No 3, pay-roll	158 34
Alert Hose Co. No 2, pay-roll	210 00
Ephriam Boucher, repairs.....	4 75
Ovilla St. Jean, repairs.....	4 00
Peter Perreault, labor.....	24 00
Wm. F. Harmon, team.....	1 50
B. F. Hanson, team.....	1 50
James Williams, labor.....	5 25
James A. Mack, labor.....	5 25
Wm. Bondro, services.....	1 00
Paul A. Rainville, repairs.....	1 45
John E. Horlor, repairs.....	3 00
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight.....	6 25
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Total.....	\$2,198 62
Appropriation.....	2,000 00
Transferred from police court fees.....	175 00

PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

A. L. Fauuce, burial Mrs. Thomas Stanton	\$12 00
Stephen Davis, board of Charles Wedgwood.....	96 00
Richards & Co., wood to John Hallam....	3 00
Josiah K. Towle, rent for Thomas Stanton	34 80
Octave Demers, groceries to Charles Derouin	8 00
Octave Demers, groceries to Chas. Chamberlain.....	10 00
Arsene Perreault, board to Italians.....	17 15

WM. B. MARTIN, CASH PAID OUT.

To Anthony Urbany, for Italians....	\$15 30
To C. J. Page, meat for Italians.....	18 38
To B. & M. Railroad, car fare for Italians.....	38 12
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Total.....	\$71 80
Wm. B. Martin, cash paid out, transpor- tation of Italian laborers.....	18 50
C. Pouliott, bread to Italians.....	10 00
Jonathan Bickford, groceries to F. P. Cor- son.....	5 00
Edwin P. Hurd, groceries to Chas. Cham- berlain	15 00
Edwin P. Hurd, groceries to John Hal- lam.....	5 00
Bridget Berry, nurse, family of Martin Harrity	10 00
Richards & Co., wood to James Jubert....	3 00
Peter L. Moran, groceries to Jas. O'Kane	4 70
Riley & Murnane, groceries to Martin Harrity.....	18 39
Riley & Murnane, groceries to Thos. Mul- lin	6 95
Chas. E. Brown, milk to Thos. Mullin.....	83
Mary Cullinane, nurse in family of Dennis Cullinane.....	16 00
Clement Ham, milk to Martin Harrity.....	1 15
Octave Demers, groceries to Eugene Bois- vert.....	3 00
Edwin P. Hurd, groceries to Philip Cham- pon.....	9 00
W. R. Tebbetts & Co., clothing to chil- dren of Thomas Stanton.....	5 25
Brackett & Shaw, meat to Italians.....	5 00
N. H. Asylum for the Insane, board of Henry Willett.....	35 81
Wm. B. Martin, expenses to Concord.....	10 47

Wm. B. Martin, expenses to Manchester.	\$ 5 50
Mrs. Ellen Minnehan, rent to Alexander Stone.....	37 50
Albert Gaudette, expense of Joseph Mag- non to Canada.....	9 60
Myra B. Hooper, rent to Frank Corson....	35 00
C. F. Blake, groceries to Thomas Mullin..	3 04
Myra B. Hooper, rent to Frank Corson....	5 00
B. & M. R. R., car fare to Wilson family	2 95
N. H. Asylum for the Insane, board, etc., of Edward A. Young.....	17 06
G. J. Frechett & Co., groceries to Frank Lebel.....	15 00
G. J. Frechett & Co., groceries to Peter Fleurie	5 01
C. H. Weymouth, rent for R. R. Mason..	25 00
Riley & Murnane, groceries to Martin Harrity	8 20
S. James & Son, groceries to John J. Lilly	5 00
Richards & Co., coal and wood to R. R. Mason.....	10 80
Richards & Co., wood to F. Turcotte.....	3 75
Richards & Co., wood to Alexander Stone	5 75
Riley & Murnane, groceries to Jas. Jubert	8 15
N. H. Asylum for the Insane, board for Edward A. Young.....	52 61
Strafford County Farm, board of Alexan- der Stone.....	4 00
St. Joseph's Boys Home, board of Stanton children.....	37 50
S. C. Horne, groceries to Alexander Stone	4 47
S. C. Horne, groceries to Wm. A. Canney	3 00
G. M. Hanson, rent to Fred Elwell.....	22 50
O. Demers, groceries to Chas. Chamber- lain	31 00
C. F. Blake, groceries to Mrs. Fred El- well.....	18 62
Richards & Co., coal to R. R. Mason.....	6 75

C. F. Blake, groceries to R. R. Mason....	54 00
Richards & Co., wood to Mrs. Stone.....	7 50
Richards & Co., coal and wood to Chas. Chamberlain	13 75
Bates & Co., shoes to Chas. Wedgwood..	1 50
Bates & Co., shoes to Stanton children....	2 88
Hubert Jacques, groceries to Mrs. Joseph Lacasse	10 26
B. & M. R. R., car fare to Portland.....	1 18
George Moore, supplies.....	2 60
A. L. Faunce, burial of child of F. P. Corson	8 00
Wm. B. Martin, expenses	5 40
Wm. B. Martin, expense, transportation of remains of E. A. Young.....	5 00
A. L. Faunce, burial of E. A. Young.....	12 00
G. J. Frechette & Co., groceries to Jos. Nadeau.....	9 00
O. Demers, groceries to Chas. Chamber- lain.....	30 00
O. Demers, groceries to Jos. Gouguay.....	10 00
A. Gaudette, wood to Fred Elwell.....	7 00
H. Jacques, groceries to Mrs Lacasse.....	3 00
C. F. Blake, groceries to R. R. Mason....	21 49
C. F. Blake, groceries to Fred Elwell	13 99
Richards & Co., coal and wood to Fred Elwell.....	3 75
Richards & Co., coal and wood to R. R. Mason.....	6 75
Richards & Co., coal and wood to Chas. Chamberlain.....	6 75
C. F. Blake, groceries to Italians.....	16 50

Total.....	\$1070 86
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Appropriation.....	\$300 00
Raised by city's note.....	300 00
Transfer from soldiers aid, 1896.....	45 00

E. C. Copeland, for groceries furnished...	\$5 00	
County of Strafford for supplies furnished Italians.....	133 95	
Total.....		\$783 95

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Walter S. Otis, wood	\$5 00	
Richards & Co., wood.....	3 75	
B. F. Hanson, team.....	75	
Gideon Cormier, milk.....	6 20	
S. James & Son, groceries.....	5 00	
A. L. Faunce, burial.....	13 00	
S. C. Horne, groceries.....	3 63	
Charles H. Andrews, wood.....	5 00	
Brackett & Shaw, meat	5 89	
Total.....		\$48 22
Appropriation.....		100 00
Unexpended balance		51 78

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY.

Philip Pepin, labor.....	\$294 00	
Jules Pepin, labor.....	269 25	
Jules Pepin, Jr., labor.....	99 33	
Philip Pepin, Jr., labor.....	13 50	
Albert Gaudette, dressing.....	42 00	
Stephen Fall, labor.....	9 00	
William B. Martin, repairs.....	4 50	
William B. Martin, balance of 1896 salary	79 63	
George A. Swain, posts.....	40 00	
David Wingate, supplies.....	6 05	
S. A. Seavey, supplies	7 09	
W. D. Merrick, repairs.....	18 20	

W. B. Martin, services as superintendent	\$469 50
W. B. Martin, board of horse.....	52 00

Total.....	\$1,404 05
Appropriation.....	400 00
Cash received, income.....	795 63

SIDEWALKS.

John Ross, labor.....	\$20 25
Arthur Maddon, labor.....	70 35
Henry Fournier, labor.....	1 35
Frank Cheney, labor.....	7 95
Joseph Gilbert, labor.....	59 55
Treffe Fillion, labor.....	102 90
Simon Lucier, labor.....	105 75
Newton Russell, labor.....	27 90
Leon Joyal, concreting.....	158 75
Joseph Vachon, labor and team.....	25 48
Hiram Horne, labor.....	3 90
Joseph F. Wiggin, labor.....	26 25
Charles King, labor	9 00
Joseph Lessard, labor.....	9 00
Henry Breton, supplies.....	2 40
Lazarre Charette, concreting.....	171 00
Lazarre Charette, labor and teams.....	25 13
John Murray, expense.....	2 00
G. Willett Andrews & Son, curbing and flagging.....	513 92
Bailey & Chase, concreting.....	273 22
Fred P. Harmon, labor.....	46 13
Odina Brunette, labor and team.....	11 28
C. H. Weymouth, labor and team.....	18 83
Harry E. Hubbard, labor	2 10
Jesse R. Horne, lumber.....	208 37
B. & M. R. R., freight.....	98 80

B. & M. R. R., ties.....	\$5 20
Charles Robinson, labor.....	75
Otis B. Morse, engineering.....	6 00
Arthur Stackpole, labor and team.....	10 65
Albert Gaudette, labor and team.....	17 90
G. F. Mfg. Co., gravel.....	3 50
C. Pouliott, labor.....	1 65
James Collins, labor.....	1 95
Peter St. Clare, labor.....	1 38
John Twombly, labor.....	7 50
Francis Ledoux, concreting.....	745 57
Henry Cochrane, labor and team.....	8 25
Francis Tardiff, labor and team.....	8 25
Benjamin Prudell, labor and team.....	8 25
J. B. Dodier, labor.....	3 00
Peter Clark, labor.....	4 50
Napoleon St. Clare, labor.....	3 00
Michael Dolan, labor.....	9 75
John Hannegan, labor.....	6 00
M. P. Flanagan, sand.....	12 40
S. A. Seavey, supplies.....	9 58
Michael Hannegan, labor.....	1 50
Michael Mullin, labor.....	1 50
J. N. Boufford, labor and team.....	35 81
Owen Coyle, labor.....	3 75
Alphonse Boudury, labor.....	2 25
Michael Herraughty, labor.....	2 25
Edward King, labor.....	1 50
Henry Demars, labor.....	1 50
William Foley, labor.....	1 50
William Littlefield, labor.....	2 40
James Andrews, labor.....	6 50
William Boudro, labor.....	1 00

Total	\$2,938 05
Appropriation.....	2,000 00
Raised by note.....	600 00

SEWERS.

Michael Hannegan, labor.....	\$16 50
Michael Dolan, labor.....	16 50
James Hannegan, labor.....	13 05
Jerry Minnehan, labor.....	11 70
John Croft, labor.....	12 00
Louis Bisson, labor.....	8 25
Joseph Gilbert, labor.....	12 00
Frank Labonte, labor.....	10 50
J. A. Casgrain, labor.....	25 05
Leon Joyal, labor.....	13 05
John Twombly, labor.....	6 00
Daniel Donovan, labor.....	12 00
Treffe Fillion, labor.....	12 75
Peter Perreault, labor.....	14 25
Wm. Vezeau, labor.....	14 25
Paul Mahoney, labor.....	11 25
Simon Lucier, labor.....	15 00
Joseph Smart, labor.....	9 30
Joseph King, labor.....	9 00
Alfred Boucher, labor.....	19 50
Peter Butler, labor.....	3 00
Joseph Champin, labor.....	11 25
Peter Morin, labor.....	10 50
Frank Shorette, labor.....	13 50
Joseph Langalais, labor.....	9 00
Joseph Nadeau, labor.....	10 05
Michael Herraughty, labor.....	10 80
Frank Leson, labor.....	7 50
Joseph Legro, labor.....	7 50
William Foley, labor.....	8 55
Michael Ready, labor.....	5 25
Daniel Cronin, labor.....	7 50
Peter Cale, labor.....	7 50
Patrick Flanagan, labor.....	7 05
Xavier Jean, labor.....	7 50
Owen Coyle, labor.....	8 25

Michael Mullin, labor.....	\$9 00
Fred Goniea, labor.....	75
Joseph St. Peter, labor.....	75
John Leary, labor.....	10 50
B. & M. R. R., freight.....	32
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Total.....	\$417 92
Appropriation.....	400 00

DOG LICENSES.

Ulric Senecal, hens killed.....	\$6 00
George Foster & Co., advertising.....	7 20
George B. Lord, sheep killed by dog.....	55 00
Wm. Beandro, labor.....	1 00
B. F. Hanson, teams.....	5 25
Joseph F. Noyes, hens killed by dog.....	7 00
Charles F. Davis, hens killed by dog.....	3 00
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Total.....	\$84 45
Received from dog licenses.....	347 32
Unexpended balance.....	262 87

RECEIVED FROM LICENSES AND SUPPLIES.

Billiard licenses.....	\$30 00
City licenses.....	58 00
C. P. Andrews, pipe.....	3 75
Chas. H. Plummer, pipe.....	7 20
E. C. Copeland, cash.....	5 00
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Total.....	\$103 95

STATE TAX.

State treasurer.....	\$6,920 00
Appropriation.....	6,920 00

COUNTY TAX.

County treasurer.....	\$9,677 80
Appropriation	9,677 80

SCHOOL NOTE.

Somersworth savings bank.....	\$2,000 00
Appropriation	2,000 00

LITTLEFIELD POST, NO. 8, G. A. R.

Memorial day.....	\$200 00
Appropriation	200 00

STREET LIGHTS.

United Gas and Electric Co.....	\$3,746 52
Appropriation	4,880 00
Unexpended balance.....	1,133 48

HIGHWAYS.

H. W. Sherman, labor.....	\$ 6 55
David Wingate, supplies.....	22 77
Stockbridge & Sanders, supplies.....	5 00
Gt. Falls Mfg. Co., cinders.....	35 20
W. D. Merrick, repairs.....	22 04
John Newell, labor.....	20 70
Peter Clark, labor.....	14 55
John B. Dodier, labor.....	61 13
Charles F. Davis, 2d, labor.....	1 50
Wilbur Andrews, labor.....	3 00
Adolph Lacousse, labor.....	3 75
Daniel Mahoney, labor.....	13 50

Clement Ham, Jr., labor and team.....	\$38 40
James M. Andrews, labor.....	44 20
Daniel W. Goldsmith, labor.....	1 50
Lazarre Charette, labor and team.....	92 28
Charles L. Estes, labor and team	27 50
Treffe Fillion, labor.....	210 38
Henry Cochrane, labor and team	46 25
Benjamin F. Cheney, labor.....	1 20
George H. Stewart, labor.....	2 70
Joseph N. Boufford, labor and team.....	68 07
John G. Libby, labor and team.....	79 80
George Worster, labor and team.....	112 95
Bradley Thurston, labor	2 75
Joseph Graham, labor.....	40 38
E. H. Sweet, labor.....	1 50
Thilaise Voisive, labor.....	1 35
S. C. Horne, supplies.....	2 03
E. A. Tibbetts & Son, supplies.....	213 41
G. A. Priestly, repairs	3 90
Newton Russell, labor.....	273 15
A. E. Rogers; labor, team and gravel.....	23 90
Burtell Rogers, labor.....	4 95
Harry Brewster, labor.....	16 50
Corliss Foster, labor	7 80
George A. Richmond, labor.....	3 00
Lorenzo D. Otis, labor	17 75
John S. Hanson, labor.....	28 75
Walter S. Otis, labor.....	66 75
Elbridge A Goodwin, labor.....	6 00
Joseph Vachon, labor and team.....	141 70
John Roberts, labor.....	44 78
Charles Laundry, labor	73 76
Joseph Golette, labor.....	12 00
Joseph Brisson, labor.....	27 00
Paul Lambert, labor	16 75
Peter Garnia, labor	11 25
Frank Roberts, labor.....	12 00
Felix Carter, labor and team.....	39 38

Michael Harraughty, labor.....	\$145 71
Henry Fournier, labor.....	18 00
John Croft, labor.....	32 63
Tellis Moore, labor.....	9 00
Vital Turcotte, labor....	7 50
A. E. Demers, labor.....	18 00
James Williams, labor.....	10 50
Roy Locke, labor and team.....	65 38
O. Brunette, labor and team.....	49 42
Edward Prue, labor.....	13 75
Simon Lucier, labor.....	284 33
Hilaire Dayon, labor.....	2 25
C. H. Weymouth, team.....	83 76
Philip Champoux, labor.....	3 00
Philip Devoe, labor.....	24 38
Felix Devoe, labor.....	3 00
Leonidas Paquette, labor.....	34 42
James Collins, labor.....	35 18
Joseph Liberty, labor.....	7 50
Cornelius Hourrihan, labor.....	13 50
Benjamin Prudell, labor.....	11 00
Frank Tardiff, labor and team.....	90 91
Frank Tardiff, cement	28 50
G. F. Moore, labor and team.....	38 17
Walter Moore, labor.....	6 75
Charles A. Moore, labor and team	36 39
E. H. Short, labor and team.....	14 00
Joseph F. Wiggin, labor.....	79 50
B. A. Wiggin, labor.....	7 80
Chester V. Wadleigh, labor and team.....	23 51
Joseph Gilbert, labor.....	153 94
John Twombly, labor.....	42 12
Allen Twombly, labor.....	12 00
Isaac Twombly, labor.....	17 13
Peter St. Peter, labor.....	21 90
Frank St. Peter, labor.....	7 50
Edmond Leclere, labor and team.....	70 13
Edmond Leclere, gravel.....	20 00

Fred P. Harmon, labor.....	\$13 50
John Elwell, labor.....	12 30
Joseph Perron, labor.....	42 26
William Boudro, labor and team.....	10 35
Edward Perron, labor.....	5 50
Archille Perron, labor.....	3 75
Israel Dubois, labor.....	48 30
Felix Carter, labor and team.....	24 75
Meddie Prue, labor and team.....	10 08
L. Fountain, labor.....	2 25
Fred Prue, labor.....	3 75
Joseph Prue, labor.....	66 70
H. Tamar, labor	3 30
Edward Cloture, labor.....	3 30
Godfrey Labonte, labor.....	14 10
Charles R. Morrill, labor and team.....	14 85
Andrew Wentworth, labor.....	77 18
Hiram Horne, labor.....	122 85
Harry E. Hubbard, labor.....	5 00
Edward Martel, labor.....	1 50
Peter L. Moran, gravel	6 30
Merrill B. Hill; labor.....	6 05
Arthur Stackpole, teaming	36 03
George Simpson, labor.....	9 75
John Lamb, labor	66 56
Charles King, labor.....	3 00
John Ross, labor.....	44 86
Leon Joyal, labor.....	67 77
Isaiah B. Jones, labor.....	48 13
Samuel James, labor and team.....	8 00
Woodbury Jones, labor.....	6 00
Frank Marston, labor.....	6 75
Frank Swinerton, labor.....	7 87
L. W. Furbush, labor.....	9 75
George Owens, labor.....	6 00
George Owens, Jr., labor	4 50
Joseph Tardiff, labor.....	7 50
Henry Turcotte, labor.....	1 50

George Turcotte, labor.....	\$ 2 25
F. J. Gagnon, labor.....	6 00
James McKone, labor.....	3 00
Lazarre Carrignan, labor.....	1 38
John Kearns, labor.....	6 00
Joseph Lessard, labor.....	12 75
Irving W. Goodwin, labor.....	3 00
C. F. Blake, labor and teams	29 25
Henry Gillispie, labor	12 75
L. W. Foote, labor.....	6 00
Ovid Paul, labor.....	1 50
Frank Cheney, labor.....	3 75
Edmund Madon, labor.....	3 00
Leon Gomier, labor	6 75
Fred Rock, labor.....	8 25
Frank Furbush, labor.....	3 75
Patrick Flanagan, labor.....	41 86
John O'Mally, labor.....	11 25
Bert Hussey, labor.....	4 50
Albert J. Hanson, labor.....	11 69
Stephen Welch, labor.....	17 25
Edgar F. Foss, labor.....	18 23
Ernest S. Foss, labor.....	16 00
Dennis Shanahan, labor.....	20 78
Dennis Duggan, labor.....	18 23
Joseph Jacques, labor.....	3 98
John Hannegan, labor.....	19 51
John Hourrihan, labor.....	12 23
John Stanton, labor.....	5 03
James Hannegan, labor.....	27 00
Frank Mack, labor.....	9 08
Michael Dolan, labor	71 18
Patrick McGuinness, labor.....	43 24
Paul Lessard, labor.....	14 85
John Frechette, labor	15 75
George A. Pinkham, labor.....	4 00
Michael Mullin, labor.....	42 00
Charles Duford, labor.....	14 10

Patrick Leary, labor.....	\$16 20
John Barrett, labor.....	2 25
Wm. Nimmo, labor.....	29 68
Joseph Lessard, labor.....	7 50
Tellise Massey, labor.....	3 75
Frank Lessard, labor.....	3 00
Som. Machine Co., storage.....	33 33
John Kenney, labor.....	3 75
Samuel Hussey, labor.....	4 50
Benjamin F. Hussey, labor and team.....	55 70
Edwin Hussey, labor.....	3 00
Henry Gillespie, labor.....	12 00
Arthur Maddon, labor	189 60
Ephriam Boucher, repairs.....	29 70
Som. Machine Co., grates.....	2 00
Rochester Foundry & Machine Co., grates	29 70
Kirk Worster, labor.....	1 50
John M. Emery, paving stones.....	10 00
Owen Coyle, labor.....	84 08
John Paradise, labor.....	13 20
F. Nolette, labor.....	1 50
Wm. S. Hayes, labor.....	3 00
Louis Real, labor	30 00
Timothy Collins, labor	75
D. Guptill, labor	3 00
James W. Marston, labor	7 50
Frank Rogers, labor.....	1 50
Archille Houle, labor	3 15
Roscoe Horne, labor	2 55
Joseph Jacques, labor.....	29 63
Edward Jacques, labor.....	2 25
Leon Gagnon, labor	1 17
John Burke, labor.....	8 25
Yeaton & Co., brick.....	60 00
Archille Gagnon, labor.....	3 85
Paul Nedeau, labor.....	21 15
Thomas Vachon, labor.....	46 13
Town of Berwick, taxes	24 60

Edmund Madon, labor.....	\$ 4 50
Lewis Hall, labor.....	7 50
Murray Bros., repairs.....	40
Edson Mfg. Co., supplies.....	2 90
Locke & Demers, rubber boots.....	6 00
Jeremiah Keating, ties.....	4 20
Daniel Cronin, labor.....	8 25
James H. Joyce, rent.....	80 25
Peter Perreault, labor.....	9 00
Henry Dusseaut, labor.....	5 25
Frank Charette, labor.....	1 50
Louis Bisson, labor.....	1 50
Wm. Vezeau, labor.....	11 25
Henry Hardwood, labor.....	2 80
Joseph Smart, labor.....	1 50
Clarke & Nutter, telephone.....	25
L. M. Hoar, telegrams.....	80
Joseph Champoux, labor.....	75
Wm. Fody, labor.....	75
Frank Lessard, labor.....	75
Ravierre Jean, labor.....	75
Joseph King, labor.....	75
Peter Moran, labor.....	6 60
Joseph Langvin, labor.....	60
Daniel Donovan, labor.....	75
Richards & Co., coal.....	1 50
Martin Hester, labor.....	3 15
Moses H. Pray, labor and team.....	12 50
Hubert Jean, labor.....	2 85
Alec Goulette, labor.....	3 00
Hubert Couture, labor.....	3 00
Peter Williams, labor.....	4 95
Harry Maddon, labor.....	3 75
Joseph Direy, labor.....	7 50
Joseph Rennie, labor.....	3 75
Army Pipin, labor.....	12 75
Frank Besson, labor.....	3 75
Felix Gonier, labor.....	3 75

Medrit Direy, labor.....	\$ 3 00
Clivis Rennie, labor.....	3 75
Eli King, labor	3 75
Patrick Rowan, labor.....	6 75
John E. Nadeau, labor.....	3 75
Fred Towle, labor.....	3 75
Jerry Leary, labor.....	3 75
Ovid Pepin, labor.....	9 75
Philip Pepin, labor	11 55
Charles Fecto, labor.....	3 75
Jules Pepin, labor	21 75
Joseph Lare, labor... ..	3 75
Joseph Garon, labor.....	6 75
E. A. Smith, labor and team.....	18 00
John N. Haines, team.....	18 25
Eben Legro, labor.....	7 50
Joseph Pepin, labor.....	26 00
Joseph Casgrain, labor.....	4 13
Joseph Madon, labor.....	12 27
Godfrey Demers, labor	3 75
John Besaw, labor	3 00
J. R. Horne, lumber.....	96 04
Jerome Ames, labor.....	5 25
Howard Locke, labor.....	9 00
Frank Martin, labor.....	3 00
Michael Haunegau, labor.....	11 70
S. A. Seavey, supplies.....	159 44
Thomas Stanton, labor.....	15 91
Joseph Bolduc, labor and team.....	73 93
Peter Guilmet, labor.....	34 28
J. E. Frost, lumber.....	10 77
S. D. Edgerly, labor.....	4 50
P. Moran, labor.....	25 75
P. Morin, labor.....	75
Joseph Burke, labor.....	48 38
B. F. Hanson, teams.....	4 75
John Croft, labor.....	5 48
Wm. Croft, labor.....	13 75

D. Lacouse, labor	\$ 5 25
Daniel Mahoney, labor	8 25
Boston & Maine R. R., freight.....	36 75
Boston & Maine R. R., ties.....	16 00
Benjamin Prudell, labor..	19 50
Michael Kearns, labor.....	12 00
Thomas Simpson, labor.....	5 25
Jacob L. Pitman, labor.....	50 50
A. B. Seavey, labor and team.....	109 33
Jesse Kennedy, labor.....	2 25
Thomas Lapointe, labor.....	3 75
John Brisson, labor.....	5 25
John F. Hayes, labor.....	3 00
Louis King, labor.....	2 25
Geo. Dill, labor.....	3 75
Stephen Fall, labor.....	3 00
Frank Gondreau, labor,.....	3 00
Joseph Willett, labor.....	3 00
John Leary.....	3 00
Joseph Cote, labor.....	3 75
Edward Demers, labor....	3 00
Silas Goodroe, labor.....	2 25
James W. Lord, labor.....	5 50
James Flanagan, labor.....	75
Stephen Roberge, labor.....	3 75
Alphonse Bopree, labor	3 75
Fred Roberge, labor.....	3 75
Frank Charette, labor.....	3 75
Bertham Bussualt, labor.....	2 22
Peter Gillaire, labor.....	1 50
Henery Briton; labor.....	3 00
H. E. Richard, labor.....	3 75
E. E. Gormia, labor.....	3 75
Fred Lumis, labor	3 00
Joseph Valley, labor.....	3 00
Joseph Gagnon, labor.....	3 00
Frank Varney, labor.....	14 95
Ansel Bickford, labor.....	4 95

Edwin Knox, labor	\$13 90
Frank Henderson, labor.....	4 95
Darius Garling, labor.....	3 45
Walter Henderson, labor.....	4 20
Daniel Gage, labor.....	2 75
Martin Lord, labor..	2 00
Orian Joy, labor.....	3 15
Ross Meserve, labor.....	3 75
John Varney, labor	2 00
Frank Davis, labor.....	1 50
Joseph Briton, labor.....	15 13
Joseph Pepin, labor.....	12 00
George Dais, labor.....	6 00
Frank Harrington, labor.....	6 75
Joseph Willet, labor.....	1 50
H, Pashot, labor.....	1 50
Jerry Deavay, labor	75
Phillip Renne, labor	2 25
John Chamberlain, labor.....	2 25
Eleric Senecal, labor.....	2 25
Wm. Littlefield, labor.....	2 25
Clester Renne, labor.....	1 50
Vital Marquis, labor.....	2 25
B. Dussault, labor.....	1 50
F. Dussault, labor.....	3 75
Frank Turcotte, labor	2 25
Henry Turcotte, labor.....	2 25
Richard Young, trucking	2 50
James W. Lord, labor	2 25
Fred Gonier, labor.....	75
Total.....	<hr/> \$6,982 76
Appropriation.....	5,000 00
Transferred from miscellaneous account '96	500 00
police court fees, '96.....	800 00
state tax.....	195 00
sewers, '96.....	208 41
insurance tax.....	20 25

Received from city of Dover, use of steam roller.....	\$135 00
Overdrawn	\$6,858 66
	124 10

MISCELLANEOUS.

Free Press Pub. Co., printing	\$94 40
Gt. Falls Gas Light Co., Gas.....	179 32
Mrs. Patrick Farley, watering trough	3 00
John P. Dixon, meals.....	10 00
Michael Berry, janitor.....	2 10
George B. Lord, Jr., labor.....	2 00
Alexander Stewart, painting.....	6 22
Octave Demers, supplies.....	1 58
Clark & Nutter, supplies.....	34 83
Joseph Bolduc, trucking.....	35
Joseph Vachon, trucking.....	3 00
Wm. H. Rich, services, Kelley case.....	200 00
Murray Bros., supplies.....	1 95
Somersworth post-office, supplies and stamps.....	55 70
F. W. George, supplies.....	3 95
State Industrial School, board of Cyrille Perrie.....	27 86
Meddie Prue, trucking.....	2 00
Clement Ham, Jr., services.....	50
Dr. L. E. Grant, services and drugs.....	3 00
Dr. L. E. Grant, reporting births and deaths	13 75
United Gas & Electric Co., lamps.....	1 00
F. C. Robinson, analysis of flour.....	15 00
F. C. Robinson, generator machine.....	7 50
Frank Tardiff, trucking	25
C. C. Barnes, map.....	99
Morgan Crossman Co., supplies.....	2 40

March & Vermette, supplies.....	\$ 50
Forrest L. Bickford, labor.....	2 63
R. B. Crooke, boats.....	5 00
Wm. Potvin, supplies.....	18
O. Brunette, trucking.....	1 90
Day & Co., express.....	95
John Roberts, labor.....	6 00
Benjamin Foucher, labor	6 00
Daniel Wingate, services.....	20 05
Daniel Wingate, teams.....	4 00
G. H. Prescott, supplies.....	1 65
Harry F. Whitehouse, labor.....	2 00
Charlotte M. Chandler, water rent.....	6 00
Harry E. Hodgdon, printing, etc.....	589 42
American Express Co., express.....	2 50
Charles E. Brown, services.....	2 77
M. Vachon, labor.....	2 00
Joseph Vachon, moving safe	10 00
L. M. Hoar, telegrams.....	40 92
A. W. Durgin, supplies	12 98
A. W. Durgin, fee.....	3 00
Richards & Co., coal and wood.....	63 54
Daniel Cronin, labor.....	1 50
A. H. James, supplies.....	35
Republican Press Association, supplies....	2 00
Ezra S. Stearns, charter.....	3 00
Geo. A. Pinkham, repairs.....	13 37
B. F. Hanson, expenses	1 50
B. F. Hanson, fares for Italians.....	5 00
B. F. Hanson, teams.....	7 60
D. Hodsdon, supplies	1 00
A. E. Martel & Co., supplies.....	11 50
N. H. Asylum, board of Henry Willett...	106 96
Wm. H. Day & Co., supplies	5 60
Joseph Momeault, labor	9 00
Patrick Bohan, labor.....	1 00
Ames & O'Shea, supplies.....	18 20
John D. Bryant, repairs.....	3 75

John W. Sanborn, table.....	\$ 6 00
Harry V. Moore, office rent.....	56 25
James A. Flanagan, services.....	50
A. Carter & Son, supplies.....	7 75
George J. Foster, printing.....	6 00
John Rowan, cash paid out.....	4 90
John Rowan, reporting births, deaths and marriages.....	156 00
Charles F. Mitchell, screens.....	2 25
George W. Johnson, painting.....	14 35
John C. Bunker, cash paid out	7 50
S. A. Seavey, damages.....	53 00
S. A. Seavey, lime.....	1 63
John Parsons, damages.....	6 60
Chase & Kennard, printing.....	34 00
Dr. N. Leduc, services, damage case.....	6 00
Dr. N. Leduc, reporting births and deaths	28 75
Guy H. Locke, care city clock.....	30 00
J. E. Vickery, alcohol.....	1 50
W. T. Sanborn & Co., carbon paper.....	1 00
T. S. Buck, stamps.....	2 59
J. J. Murphy, labor.....	1 80
S. A. Seavey, flax seed.....	90
Amede Bisson, damage.....	30 00
Herman Baxter, board of Mrs. Martha Cowell.....	3 50
Hiram Horne, witness fee.....	1 25
E. B. White, distributing inventory blanks	10 00
Crawford, Tolles & Co., insurance.....	10 00
Bass & Co., directories	4 00
Jos. N. Boufford, burial Mrs. Lacousse....	7 45
James A. Edgerly, services in water com- missioners case.....	100 00
Wm. S. Pierce, services in water com- missioners case.....	129 00
John Kivel, services in water commis- sioners case.....	107 00
J. S. H. Frink, services in water commis- sioners case.....	108 39

John E. Young, services in water commissioners case.....	\$142 26
Streeter, Walker & Hollis, services in water commissioners case.....	186 30
W. S. Pierce, services in case of Roberts vs. city.....	66 40
Dr. A. Laurion, reporting births and deaths.....	18 25
Dr. T. J. Dougherty, reporting births and deaths.....	8 25
George Heon, witness.....	77
Dr. A. K. P. Hawey, reporting births and deaths.....	8 50
Dr. W. H. Price, reporting births and deaths.....	1 50
Dr. C. E. Swasey, reporting births and deaths.....	6 75
Dr. V. M. Newcomb, reporting births and deaths.....	5 75
Dr. E. Bernier, reporting births and deaths.....	3 00
Mrs. P. Amyott, reporting births and deaths.....	12 75
Dr. V. M. Newcomb, services.....	4 00
Joseph Burke, witness fee.....	77
A. L. Faunce, reporting deaths.....	1 50
A. L. Faunce, gas burners.....	7 31
A. B. Spencer, reporting deaths.....	1 25
George Valley, witness fee.....	77
William D. Knapp, supplies.....	5 00
D. Frechette, supplies.....	5 30
Pierre Demers, witness fee.....	77
George Moore, supplies.....	21 30
Patrick Mone, supplies.....	5 06
Mark A. Kearns, services, Kelley case....	8 00
Mark A. Kearns, cash paid out, witness fees, Roberts vs. city.....	47 69
Mark A. Kearns, ward warrants.....	2 00

John Roberts, sewer damages.....	\$197 66
Somersworth post-office, stamped envelopes to tax collector.....	11 26
Total	<hr/> \$3,170 29
Appropriation.....	\$1,107 00
Raised by note	1,600 00
Transferred from police court fines.....	195 34
County of Strafford, Kelley case.....	257 44
Police Court fines and fees.....	197 66
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	\$3,354 44
Balance	187 15

WATER-WORKS CONSTRUCTION.

FROM MARCH 1, 1897, TO MARCH 1, 1898.

Joseph Bruno, balance on water-pipe contract	\$ 100 00
Ames & O'Shea, payments on filter contract.....	1,889 04
Burton Etter, photographs, "station" ..	7 00
R. B. Crooke, damage to boats.....	5 00
B. F. Hanson, expense.....	1 78
Davis & Farnham Mfg. Co., materials, sand filter	277 69
Republican Press Association, printing water-works reports.....	270 00
Arthur Stackpole, trucking.....	16 90
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight.....	89 87
The Engineering News Pub. Co., advertising	22 00
Boston Herald, advertising	24 00
Skinner, Bartlett & Co., printing.....	48 00
Bingham & Taylor, supplies.....	30 00
C. H. Wells, freight.....	2 46

William Wheeler, services, engineering	\$1,000 00
Spence & Coombs, payments, filter-bed	18,089 83
Chas. C. Allard, pumping out filter.....	134 50
American Express Co., expressage.....	2 75
Wm. F. Harmon, teams.....	5 50
S. P. Horne, supplies and labor.....	6 77
Clark & Nutter, telephoning	7 70
Miss L. M. Hoar, telegrams.....	3 97
E. A. Tibbetts & Son, supplies.....	42 78
A. B. Seavey, labor, teaming.....	62 32
Marston & Durgin, brick.....	45 00
Chas P. Andrews, labor.....	344 18
Gawens, Emmons & Co., stone.....	168 46
Fiske, Homes & Co., brick.....	74 70
Geo. J. Foster & Co., advertising.....	11 60
Dover water-works, pipe.....	35 55
Otis E. Moulton, services.....	5 00
John E. Frost, supplies.....	164 56
John C. Nutter, supplies.....	4 40
Perrin, Seamans & Co., pumping engine	325 60
Mathews Bros., lime and cement.....	9 50
Andrew Wilson, slating regulating chamber	145 60
Somersworth Machine Co., supplies.....	11 15
Daniel Sanborn, labor.....	4 00
Clark & Nutter, supplies.....	2 05
A. W. Hastings & Co., doors.....	9 00
Free Press Pub. Co., advertising.....	12 50
B. F. Hanson, expenses.....	5 10
Total.....	\$23,517 86

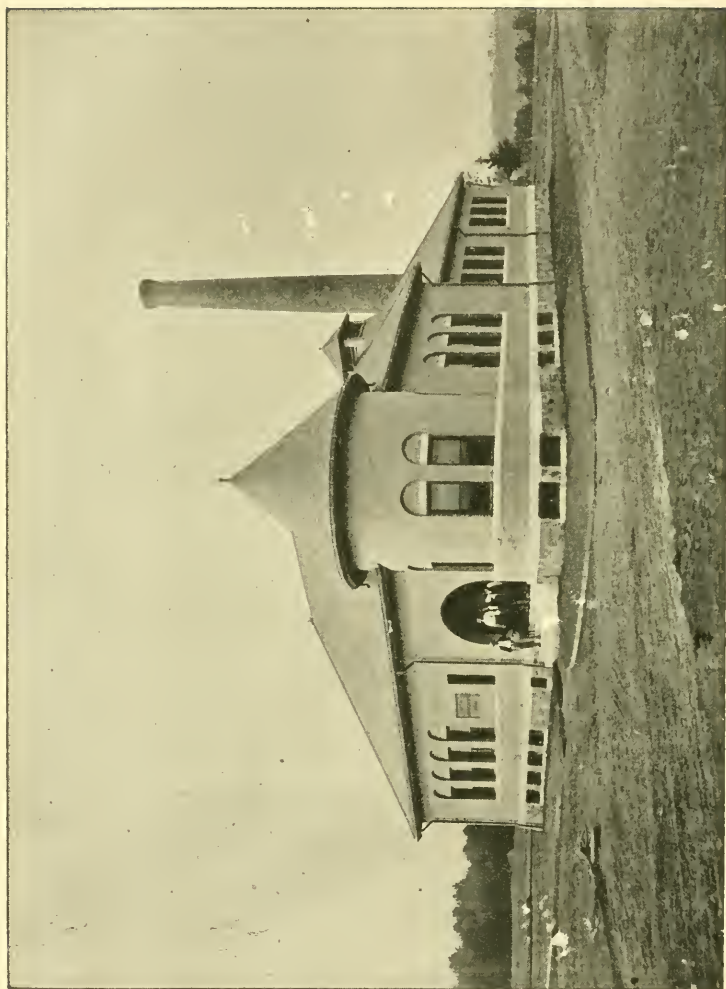
EXPENDITURES OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

FROM MARCH 1, 1987, TO MARCH 1, 1898.

J. E. Hobson, supplies.....	\$ 95
American Steam Gauge Co., gauge.....	35 00

Peter L. Moran, supplies.....	\$ 7 30
Great Falls Gas Light Co. gas and sup- plies.....	14 70
Chas. P. Andrews, supplies.....	75
American Steam Gauge Co., repairs.....	5 75
Julia Minehan, damage.....	8 58
John W. Bates, office rent.....	75 00
G. A. Priestly, wood.....	2 00
Alexander Stewart, labor and supplies....	11 86
Wm. Symes & Son, supplies.....	65
Alexander Stewart, repairs.....	75
John N. Haines, supplies.....	1 70
C. F. Mitchell, labor and supplies.....	3 50
National Meter Co., supplies.....	97 12
John E. Frost, supplies.....	3 05
Harry E. Hodgdon, printing.....	6 50
Nathan Wimpfheimer, expense.....	1 79
American Steam Gauge Co., supplies....	7 50
Charles M. Dorr, supplies.....	2 85
The Fairbanks Co., supplies.....	54
Edwin P. Horne, moving safe.....	22 50
Somersworth post-office, postage.....	5 80
National Meter Co., supplies.....	2 75
Borne, Scrymser & Co., oils.....	23 18
George E. Durgin, copies water case.....	34 00
Union Water Meter Co., meter.....	8 00
Knowles Steam Pump Works, supplies....	1 60
Jesse R. Horne, supplies	24 13
David Wingate, supplies.....	2 50
William D. Merrick, repairs.....	4 60
George Moore, supplies.....	2 45
Timothy Wren, labor.....	1 50
Michael Mullin, labor.....	2 10
Albert J. Hanson, labor and supplies.....	17 50
Francis Ledoux, labor.....	1 00
Waldo Bros., supplies.....	17 00
Murray Bros., supplies.....	75
Harry Maddon, labor.....	75

Meddy Prue, rent.....	\$ 8 00
Daniel Hodsdon, labor and supplies	18 83
Chas. Goding, labor.....	1 80
Crawford, Tolles & Co., insurance	33 33
Frank P. Reeve, expenses	5 49
Geo. E. Foster & Co., safe and chest.....	213 70
E. Hodge & Co., supplies	3 80
Paul S. Bradford, supplies.....	2 53
The Myers, Putz Pomade Co., polish.....	5 29
Nathan Wimpfheimer, expense.....	5 00
Daniel Wingate, painting.....	6 50
Chas. Goding, blacksmith	3 90
H. M. Hanson, supplies.....	2 75
Frank G. Wright, engineer.....	780 00
John Newell, labor.....	8 25
Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies	16 80
Somersworth post-office, postage.....	6 50
Philip Champeau, labor.....	22 95
Edward Leclere, labor	45
Charles Fountain, labor.....	2 50
Francis Roberge, labor.....	5 40
Peter St. Peter, labor.....	1 50
B. Dussault, labor.....	9 75
Michael Herraughty, labor.....	1 80
Chas. M. Dorr, supplies	42
John Lamb, labor.....	3 00
Godfrey Labonte, labor.....	1 50
Free Press Pub. Co., printing.....	21 90
James Hanagan, labor.....	5 10
Chester Turcotte, labor.....	1 95
Joseph Bolduc, trucking.....	2 00
Meddy Prue, trucking.....	15 00
Daniel Hodsdon, supplies	25 13
National Meter Co., meters.....	468 72
L. Charette, trucking	1 90
American Express Co., expressage.....	1 15
Day & Co's. Express.....	8 55
Henry Croft, labor.....	6 75



PUMPING STATION; FROM SOUTHWEST.

John Croft, labor.....	\$2 70
Fred Gagnon, labor.....	8 25
John Stewart, Jr., labor.....	1 00
Alphonse Lacourse, labor.....	3 00
George A. Pinkham, labor.....	13 00
Hiram Walker, mason.....	2 50
Joseph Vachon, jobbing.....	1 50
Arthur Stackpole, trucking.....	4 35
Arthur Madden, labor.....	1 80
George Demers, labor.....	2 25
Lewis Ross, labor.....	2 25
Joseph Lawrence, labor.....	3 00
John A. Fall, Jr., labor.....	75
Treffle Filion, labor.....	14 70
L. W. Foote, labor.....	2 25
D. B. Woodocks, labor.....	2 25
Cornelius Hourihan, labor.....	75
Frank Jacques, labor.....	1 00
Francis Tardiff, trucking.....	6 10
Felix Cartier, trucking.....	50
Free Press Pub. Co., printing.....	31 00
Lewis E. Mellen, fireman.....	525 50
Consolidated Light & Power Co., lights	10 70
United Gas & Electric Co., lights.....	5 90
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephon- ing.....	24 65
Richards & Co., coal.....	248 89
George A. Frost, coal.....	589 75
S. A. Seavey, supplies.....	43 21
Somersworth Machine Co., supplies.....	8 64
Sumner, Goodwin & Co., supplies.....	159 75
Wm. H. Gallison & Co., supplies.....	28 30
A. W. Chesterton & Co., supplies.....	100 58
Boston & Maine Railroad, shifting cars...	100 00
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight.....	170 94
John N. Haines, waste.....	8 25
Lawrence Real, labor.....	8 85
Felix Devoe, labor.....	64 20

E. A. Tibbetts & Son, supplies.....	\$117 85	
Peter Perreault, labor.....	130 00	
Owen Coyle, labor	29 35	
Louis Leclere, labor	4 50	
James Collins, labor.....	19 80	
Henry Couture, labor.....	75	
Leon Gagnon, labor.....	32 90	
P. D. O'Connell, labor.....	125 00	
Frank Charrette, labor.....	84 30	
Ephraim Boucher, repairs.....	5 15	
Daniel Crowin, labor.....	45	
H. M. Hanson, Supt.....	750 00	
Frank P. Reeve, clerk	150 00	
Total		\$1,148 55

HYDRANTS AND WATERING TROUGHS.

Somersworth water-works.....	\$2,900 00
Appropriation	2,900 00

SEWER DAMAGES.

Thomas Beland, Union street.....	\$50 00	
G. Willett Andrews & Son, curbing.....	49 44	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight.....	7 50	
Simon Lucier, labor	4 50	
Joseph Gilbert, labor	4 50	
Robert Dodier, labor.....	3 75	
Total.....		\$119 69
Transferred from police court fees		119 69

LIBRARY TAX.

Library Fund.....	\$415 20
Deposited in Great Falls National Bank....	415 20
Appropriation for year 1897	415 20

CHANDLER FUND.

Manufacturers' and Village Library, interest.....	\$35 30
Department of Public Instruction.....	70 60

CITY HALL.

Andrew Wilson, repairs of roof.....	\$68 00
Income from hall.....	181 00
Balance.....	113 00

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Paid bills chargeable to school board	\$17,642 89
Appropriation	\$17,500 00
Tuition, books and supplies sold	190 53
Total	\$17 690 53
Unexpended balance.....	57 74

REFUNDING NOTES.

Note

No.	32, Somersworth Savings Bank...	\$20,000 00
	33, Somersworth Savings Bank...	20,000 00
	34, Somersworth Savings Bank...	20,000 00
	36, Somersworth Savings Bank ..	7,000 00
	37, Somersworth Savings Bank...	1,750 00
	39, E. P. Horne.....	1,000 00
	45, Gt. Falls National Bank.....	5,000 00
	46, Somersworth Savings Bank...	9,000 00
	47, Somersworth Savings Bank...	2,000 00
	48, James L. Woodsum	1,200 00
	50, Gt. Falls National Bank.....	5,000 00
	51, Somersworth Savings Bank...	5,000 00
	52, Albert W. Hayes	3,000 00
	53, Charles S. Buck	2,700 00

Note

No.	54, Hattie B. Spinney.....	\$1,600 00
	55, Hattie B. Spinney.....	2,000 00
	62, James L. Woodsum.....	300 00
	63, E. W. Fall.....	1,200 00
	64, Mrs. James G. Houston.....	1,000 00
	65, James G. Houston.....	1,000 00
	66, Gt. Falls National Bank.....	1,000 00
	67, L. G. Cooper.....	3,000 00
	68, Gt. Falls National Bank.....	2,000 00
	69, Gt. Falls National Bank.....	5,000 00
	71, Somersworth Savings Bank...	5,000 00
	72, Somersworth National Bank..	10,000 00
	77, Somersworth Savings Bank...	5,000 00
	78, Somersworth Savings Bank...	9,200 00
	79, Somersworth Savings Bank...	15,000 00
	80, Somersworth National Bank..	5,000 00
	81, Somersworth National Bank..	5,000 00
	82, S. D. Felker, Ass. D. F. C. S. Bank.....	8,000 00
	83, Somersworth Savings Bank...	10,000 00
	85, Charles P. Andrews.....	1,000 00
	86, Gt. Falls Manufacturing Co..	22,055 40
	87, George F. Hill.....	1,000 00
	88, Ames & O'Shea.....	1,000 00
	90, W. D. Clark.....	1,028 32
	91, Charles S. Buck.....	2,250 00
	92, Charles S. Buck.....	3,000 00
	94, Fred Wentworth.....	500 00
	95, Isabel S. Emery.....	1,000 00
	96, Weller W. Woodman.....	1,000 00
	98, S. D. Felker, Ass. D. F. C. S. Bank.....	600 00
	99, S. D. Felker, Ass. D. F. C. S. Bank.....	2,000 00
	100, S. D. Felker, Ass. D. F. C. S. Bank.....	3,000 00
	101, Elbridge W. Fox.....	1,630 00
	102, Somersworth Savings Bank...	10,000 00

Note

No. 103, Somersworth Savings Bank...	\$9,700 00	
104, Somersworth Savings Bank...	11,000 00	
105, Elbridge W. Fox	600 00	
106, Somersworth Savings Bank...	5,000 00	
108, Somersworth Savings Bank...	865 70	
109, Somersworth Savings Bank...	1,023 34	
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Total.....		\$272,202 76

INTEREST.

MUNICIPAL DEBT.

Som. Savings Bank, school notes, No. 5,		
6, 7	\$6,000 00	\$225 00
note No. 1,587.....	20,000 00	373 33
note No. 1,588.....	20,000 00	373 33
note No. 1,589.....	20,000 00	373 33
note No. 1,603.....	7,000 00	149 33
note No. 1,606.....	1,750 00	27 42
note No. 1,617.....	2,000 00	45 55
note No. 1,640.....	5,000 00	125 00
note No. 1,645.....	5,000 00	118 05
note No. 1,663.....	4,700 00	103 80
note No. 1,664.....	1,000 00	21 52
note No. 1,668.....	10,000 00	250 00
note No. 66.....	1,000 00	30 00
note No. 69.....	5,000 00	125 00
note No. 81....	5,000 00	99 30
Som. National Bank, note No. 107	5,000 00	58 39
Som. Savings Bank, notes No. 91-92.....	5,550 00	232 75
Som. Savings Bank, school note No. 5....	2,000 00	27 22
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Total.....		\$2,758 32

WATER-WORKS.

Chas. S. Buck, note No. 53.....	\$257 40
Gt. Falls National Bank, note No. 68.....	74 00
Ames & O'Shea, note No. 88.....	53 17

L. G. Cooper, note No. 67.....	\$266 92
Albert W. Hayes, note No. 52.....	281 23
Hattie B. Spinney, notes No. 54-55.....	6 52
Rollinsford Savings Bank, notes No. 130-131.....	147 48
Somersworth Savings Bank, note No. 135.....	87 50
James G. Houston, note No. 113.....	20 83
Mrs. James G. Houston, note No. 112	21 73
Hattie B. Spinney, note No. 127	78 49
Somersworth Savings Bank, notes No. 123-125.....	440 15
Somersworth National Bank, notes No. 116-126-129	120 00
George F. Hill, Note No. 114.....	20 00
Gt. Falls National Bank, note No. 111.....	465 37
Somersworth Savings Bank, note No. 124.....	1,751 57
Fred Wentworth, note No. 118.....	10 35
J. L. Woodsom, notes No. 122-128.....	131 86
S. D. Felker, Assignee for Dover Five Cent Savings Bank, note No. 123.....	134 03
Isabel S. Emery, note No. 115.....	20 70
C. P. Andrews, note No. 116.....	55 00
Geo. F. Hill, note No. 87.....	35 00
Somersworth National Bank..	159 17
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Total	\$4,638 47

VITAL STATISTICS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,
1897.

Births Registered in the City of Somersworth for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.		No. of Child.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male.	Female.						
Jan.	1 Alfred	M		6	Chas. Deronin	Adele Gregoire	Laborer	Canada	Canada
	4 Joseph	M		4	Amede Bisson	Georgiana Gagnon	Operative	"	"
	4 Fred	M		2	J. B. Lavoie	Doylida Labonte	"	"	"
	5	M	F	4	Edward Hingworth	Florence Midwood	"	"	Somersworth
	6 Charles	M		11	Chas. Fecteau	Adele Provencal	Laborer	"	Canada
	8 Joseph A.	M		1	Geo. Frechette	Archange Carrier	Merchant	"	"
	9 Ezelia	M	F	10	Thos. Vachon	Elma Gregoire	Laborer	"	"
	11 Joseph P.	M		2	Achille Lemelin	Elenie Murcrau	Operative	"	"
	11 Harold H.	M		2	Geo. Robinson	Florence Spencer	"	Bridgeton, Me	Somersworth
	12 Thomas J.	M		2	Alfred Banks	Adele Tremblay	"	United States	United States
	12 Thomas J.	M		2	John McGrail	Ann Riley	"	Ireland	Ireland
	16 Hourie	M		2	Thos. Dumais	Ann Desjardins	"	Canada	Canada
	17 Hourie	M		12	Onesime Hamel	Emma Lepin	"	"	"
	17	M		4	John A. Bran	Belle Grossman	"	"	"
	20 Pierro	M		6	Pierro Lubrie	Lucy Thibodeau	Teamster	Shapleigh, Me.	P. E. Island
	22	M	F	3	Peter Boucher	Julia Hagarthy	Carpenter	Canada	Canada
	24 Janetie W.	F	F	3	F. P. Corson	Sadie Furbush	Laborer	"	Ireland
	24 Elodie	F	F	5	Louis Boule	Flouda Labonte	"	N. Durham	Lebanon, Me
	27 Rose A.	F	F	3	John Vezina	Mary Roy	Operative	Canada	Canada
	28 Alphonse	M		1	Edward Cheneil	Delima H. Lymant	"	"	"
	29 Marie A.	M	F	4	Cyrille Poulloff	Caroline Nauef	Laborer	"	"
	29 Napoleon	M		10	Frank Fortier	Adele Barrie	Baker	"	"
Feb.	2 Chas. E.	M		2	Wm. E. Crawford	Mary L. Robinson	Merchant	Somersworth	Somersworth
	2	M		7	Frank M. Chase	Mary Mahoney	Operative	Lewiston	Lewiston
	2 Victorien	M		1	Baptiste Lebel	Georgie Renaud	"	Canada	Canada
	4 Alice E.	M	F	3	Archille Plante	Malvina Burnette	"	"	"
	7	F		11	Harry Spencer	Mary Kennedy	"	"	"
	10	F		11	Dennis Durgin	Hannah Cotter	"	Milo, Me.	Manchester
	10 Catherine	F	F	6	John Arseno	Mary Thetien	Merchant	"	Somersworth
	10 Anore	F	F	2	Wm. Perron	Meilda Vallie	Operative	Canada	Canada
	11 Defa	F	F	3	Albert Vachon	Emma Lamyier	"	"	"
	12 Marie E.	F	F	3	Joseph Plante	Belzenire Labrie	Merchant	"	"
	13 Ivan	F	F	2	Alphonse Tunnelle	Estelle Dube	Operative	"	"

Feb.	13	Emma		F	L	1	Jos Cote	Ella F. Savage	Operative	Frenchville, Me.	Fort Kent, Me.
	13	Michael	M	F	"	1	Goandons Gagne	Elsie Lucier	Laborer	Canada	Canada
	13	Mary A.		F	"	4	Michael Berry	Mary Kidridge	Operative	Ireland	Ireland
	14	Joseph A.	M	F	"	5	Thos. Mullen	Mary Furnen	"	Canada	Canada
	14		M	F	"		Dorelice Carrier	Margaret Lynch	Clerk	Somersworth	Somersworth
	15	Joseph G.	M	F	"	8	John Parsons	Josephine Lescole	Operative	Canada	Canada
	20	Pryllis B.		F	"	10	Henry Burke	Adelle Brassard	Teamster	"	"
	21		M	F	"	1	W. B. Oliver	Jesse Webber	Operative	Scotland	Somersworth
	21	Stimpson		F	"	1	James McCone	Mary Malone	Clerk	Ireland	Ireland
	22		M	F	"	12	W. H. Simpson	Maud E. Dunn	Operative	New York	Somersworth
	22	Maurice C.	M	F	"	1	Severe Vincent	Marie Roy	Farmer	Canada	Canada
	23	Carleton L.	M	F	"	1	J. G. Libby	Bertha Hanscom	Operative	Lebanon, Me.	Lebanon, Me.
	25	Henry	M	F	"	6	Alexander Lessard	Ella Cheek	Operative	Union	Somersworth
	25		M	F	"	3	F. J. Hennessey	Kate Gaudet	"	Canada	Canada
	27	Edmond	M	F	"	8	Thos. F. Brennan	Margaret Reynolds	"	Dover	Ireland
	28		M	F	"	4	Adelard Fournier	Odele Lamb	Farmer	New Bedford	"
Mar.	2			F	"	3	H. H. Brewster	Anna B. Lord	Operative	Dover	United States
	3	Mary E.	M	F	"	1	Alphonse Carignan	Mary Guilmet	Operative	Dover	Dover
	11	Gladys M	M	F	"	1	G. M. Cadorette	Lydia Belanger	Barber	Canada	Canada
	13	Stella		F	"	9	Louis Ruel	Virginia Marroux	Teamster	Exeter	"
	14	Jenhorla		F	"	2	Chas. D. Furbush	Neddie M. Hussey	Operative	Canada	"
	16	Harris	M	F	"	9	Alfred Bosquin	Exilia Paquet	Laborer	Somersworth	S. Acton
	17		M	F	"	5	Frank Dion	Georgiana Jacques	Merchant	"	"
	18	Mary L.		F	"	1	Fred Prue	Pharmalie Dhome	Clerk	"	"
	19	Florence M.		F	"	5	Louis Roy	Margeline L. Roy	Jobber	Halifax	Ireland
	20	Georgiana		F	"	10	Hiram J. Walker	Margaret J. Casey	Mason	Canada	Canada
	23	George	M	F	"	2	Edmund Bolland	Lydia Cecil	Merchant	"	"
	25	Allie C.	M	F	"	1	Napoleon Gilbert	Delphine Houd	Operative	"	"
	25	Willie C.	M	F	"	1	Chas. E. Gerrish	Marie Clouture	"	Berwick	Wells
	26	Clodia		F	"	1	Carl Connor	Della Boston	"	Ossipee	Berwick
	26	Delvina		F	"	2	Jos. Breton	Florence Bunker	"	"	"
	27			F	"	1	Jean Vallancourt	Marie Vachon	Milkman	Canada	Canada
	27			F	"	3	H. R. Schumacher	Emma Pomenleau	Laborer	"	"
	27			F	"	2	C. H. Fairbanks	L. M. Thompson	Painter	Germany	N. Berwick, Me.
	27	Mary E. B.		F	"	3	Chas. Bernier	Ann Midwood	Operative	So. Acton, Mass	England
	28	Delvina	M	F	"	4	Alexander Bergeron	Mary J. Burnette	Engineer	Canada	Canada
	29	Yeome		F	"	4	M. S. Perk us	Clementine Michaud	Laborer	Quebec	Wells
	29	Carl N.	M	F	"	8	Frank Drapreau	Ann M. Littlefield	Operative	Canada	Canada
	29	Catherine M.		F	"	2	A. S. Blaisdel	Cedilie Bergeron	"	Dover	Scotland
April	2	Marie A.		F	"	5	James Williamson	Mary McMenary	Laborer	Scotland	Canada
	6	Joseph L. D.	M	F	"	12	Hippolyte Ganvin	Beatrice Gastonguay	Cartwright	Canada	"
				F	"	1	Ovid Nadeau	Eleonrie Vachon	Operative	"	"

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		Male.	Female.						
April 8	Alfred	M	L	1	Morris Gould	Fannie Miller	Merchant	Russia	Russia
9	Alfred	M	L	2	Alfred Profitato	Cedulie Machand	Operative	Canada	Canada
10	Rosalo	M	F	1	Henry Hardwood	Flora Anro	Blacksmith	Canada	Canada
13	Ernest	M	F	2	Ludger Burnell	Marie Carrier	Operative	"	"
14	Maria	M	F	3	Etienne Boutin	Caroline Drapeau	"	"	"
15	Marie J. A.	M	F	4	Victoria Troffier	Eugene Jacques	Laborer	Canada	"
16	Edmund	M	F	7	Joseph Bernbe	Mary Bourque	Operative	"	"
16	Edmund	M	F	1	Ferdinand Talbot	Obeline Boutin	"	"	"
18	Joseph A.	M	F	1	Hermen Dionne	Marie Nadeau	"	"	"
19	Rosilda	M	F	8	Phileas Chabot	Alexina Roy	Clerk	"	"
19	Sinai	M	F	9	Alphonse Houle	Emma Prince	Laborer	"	"
19	Marie A.	M	F	13	Jerome Burger	Alice Machand	"	"	"
20		M	F	1	Alphonse Demers	Nellie Labry	Grocer	Somersworth	Scotland
21	Alphonse	M	F	4	Richard Mason	Sarah McQuillan	Operative	Canada	Canada
22	Marie L.	M	F	13	Arsene Dumais	Mary Valancourt	Laborer	Canada	"
23		M	F	9	Jas. McKeon	Mary Shea	Operative	Portsmouth	Eliot
23		M	F	10	Chas. E. Ricker	Edith Goodwin	Merchant	Canada	Canada
25	Marie A.	M	F	1	Victor Demers	Marie Solette	Operator	Somersworth	"
29	Eva	M	F	5	Henry Drapeau	Kilda Valliere	Laborer	Canada	"
29	Alida M.	M	F	12	Jos. Bernier	Julie Ribault	Operative	"	"
May 4	Virginie M.	M	F	4	Louis Ross	Amanda Duford	Laborer	"	"
4	Marie O.	M	F	7	Jos. Giroux	Lida Gilbert	Clerk	"	"
5	Moses H.	M	F	2	M. H. Pray	Milfred Tilbotts	Farmer	Somersworth	Berwick
6	Joseph A.	M	F	9	Archille Roy	Delina Pepin	Operative	Canada	Canada
9	Joseph L.	M	F	9	Pascal Turcotte	Philomene Lemelin	Laborer	"	"
9	Eva	M	F	1	Denis Cloutre	Cleoture Rothier	Operative	"	"
10	Lodina	M	F	7	Simeon Chamberlain	Vitaline Bossbert	"	"	"
14	Elphige	M	F	6	Pierre Morin	Delphine Lapointe	Merchant	"	"
16		M	F	2	Ovid Bolduc	Mary L. Bolduc	Farmer	"	"
17		M	F	11	M. Goudreau	Mary Opee	Teamster	"	"
18		M	F	4	Newton Russell	Sarah Robinson	Laborer	"	"
23	Marie A.	M	F	8	Jos. Pepin	Eugenie Deshais	"	"	"

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		Male.	Female.						
July 24	Joseph F.	M		1	Geo. Luzon	Jane Morin	Operative	Canada	Canada
25			F	2	Edward Vallier	Virginie Vallier	Laborer	"	"
25	Yvonne		F	3	Edward Dumas	Georgiana Gagne	Operative	"	"
26	William	M		8	Wm. Blanchette	Rose A. Rondeau	"	"	"
28	Jos. A.	M		4	Willie Curran	Elmira Turcotte	"	"	"
31	Alma		F	11	Wm. Foley	Mary Lacombe	"	"	"
31			F	3	Willis Jackson	May Taylor	Shoemaker	Waterville, Me.	Nova Scotia
Aug. 3	Clara		F	2	Joseph Moisan	Odelie Gagnon	"	"	"
10	Ernest	M		4	Ernest Perreault	Demerise Gosselin	Shoemaker	"	"
17		M		3	Chas. J. Cavanaugh	Margaret Labonte	Drummer	Boston	"
17	Marie L.	M	F	1	Ardule Bergeron	Elmine Nadeau	Operative	Canada	"
15					Michael Doolan	Kate Shannahan	Laborer	England	Somersworth
3		M		2	Rhodus Vaehon	Amelia Marvean	Shoemaker	Canada	"
5	Blanche A.		F	6	Leon Morin	Cleophas Chasse	Operative	"	"
16	Yvonne		F	4	Fred G. Edwell	Lizzie Malone	Mason	Somersworth	Glasgow
18	Maggie B.		F	6	Jos. Cloutier	Adelle Ouilette	Operative	Canada	Canada
21			F	13	Jos. Cloutier	Mary McHugh	"	England	Salmon Falls
22	Mary	M	F	7	Marth Flanagan	Rosalie Jacques	Laborer	Canada	"
22	Napoleon		F	5	Jos. Lessard	Margaret Malone	Moulder	Ireland	"
26			F	6	John Riley	Cora Letendre	Operative	Canada	"
27	Gracia		F	5	Jos. Proulx	Ida Dulude	Merchant	"	"
28	Rose O. C.		F	9	Cleophas Girard	Celina Catneran	Sawyer	"	United States
28	Joseph A. E.	M		25	Jos. Prince	Delvina Bedad	Operative	"	Canada
29	Narcisse	M	F	12	Solomon Duford	Marie Nadeau	Mason	"	"
29	Mertida		F	4	Jos. Perron	Maggie Simpson	"	"	"
30		M		8	Leo Tapscott	Philonene Dominique	Operative	Saugus	S. Berwick
30	Eva		F	1	Alfred Heon	Kate E. Robinson	Shoemaker	Canada	Canada
Sept. 6	Sadie M.		F	4	Fred P. Harmon	Lucy A. Brown	Merchant	Strong, Me.	Somersworth
7		M		3	Warren C. Grant	Joséphine Cyr	"	Somersworth	Worcester
7	Joseph F.	M		3	France Duclut	Maggie Hannegan	Laborer	Canada	"
8	Raymond	M		5	Michael Howland	Rose Carrier	Operative	Somersworth	Somersworth
8	Mary E.		F	5	Philip Champoux	Rose River	"	Canada	Canada
9	Alexis	M		3	Alexis Roy	Delvina Nadeau	"	"	"
12	Joseph A.	M		3	Arthur Vallie		"	"	"

Births Registered in the City of Somersworth for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.—Concluded.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.		No. of Child.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male.	Female.						
Nov.	15 Joseph A.	M	L	3	Alphonse Liberty . . .	Alphonse Liberty . . .	Operative	Canada	Canada
	25 Joseph A.	M	"	3	Ludger Lalberté . . .	Delvina Denarias . . .	"	"	"
	18 Rose	F	"	2	Raney Provencher . . .	Estelle Desbais . . .	"	"	"
	16 Rodolph	M	"	3	Adolph Drapcan . . .	Lepoldine Declene . . .	"	"	"
	18 Jos. O. W.	M	"	8	Napoleon Daigle . . .	Emma Gagnon . . .	Clerk	"	"
	19 Chas. Chamberlain . . .	F	S	8	Chas. Chamberlain . . .	Josephine Gosselin . . .	Carpenter	Ireland	"
	20 Nora	F	L	3	John Murnane	Sara Johnson	Laborer	Canada	"
	21 Marie A.	F	"	3	Joseph Soucité	Marie Lamare	"	"	Somersworth . . .
	23	M	"	3	Frank Nadeau	Nellie Murray	Operative	Chester	Leominster
	23	M	"	2	Thos. S. Drury	Ann Graham	"	Canada	Canada
	23 Charles	M	"	5	Jas. Curran	Della Blanchette	"	"	"
	24 Joseph	M	"	5	Jos. Langevin	Exilia Bisson	"	"	"
	27 Gracia	F	"	10	Wm. Lemelin	Emile Dube	"	"	"
Dec.	1 Mary	F	"	10	Geo. Cusctean	Olivene Cusctean	"	"	"
	2 Fred	M	"	3	Simon Lucier	Emma Halle	"	"	"
	4 Marie A.	F	"	1	Alfred Turcotte	Adelade Desjardins . . .	"	"	"
	6 Emelina	F	"	1	Arthur Lalberté	Enelina St. Laurent . . .	"	"	"
	7 Laura	M	"	11	Isaac Labissonier	Sara Lariyer	"	"	"
	7 Arthur	M	"	1	Telesphone Dumais . . .	Delvina St. Laurent . . .	"	"	"
	7 Alma	F	"	10	Oncesine Caron	Lumina Bernier	"	"	"
	9 Rodolph	M	"	9	Archite Hodel	Jessie Bourque	Clerk	"	"
	20 Joseph A.	M	"	9	Hazaine Bouford	Clara Talbot	Truckman	"	"
	21	M	"	3	Frank Chick	Annie Stanton	Operative	Lebanon, Me. . . .	Somersworth
	22 Archille	M	"	3	Adolph Laconsusse . . .	Philomene Couture . . .	Laborer	Canada	"
	23 Philomen	M	"	1	Philip Mercueu	Grazilla Gosselin	Operative	"	"
	25 Marie D.	F	"	2	Louis Jacques	Delvina Gosselin	Merchant	"	"
	25 Joseph	M	"	4	Chas. Landry	Emma Litherneau	Operative	"	"
	27 Rodolph	M	"	4	Godfrey Gregoire	Marie Bolduc	Painter	"	"
	29 Adela	M	"	2	Adelard Poliquire	Josephine Nadeau	Laborer	"	"
	29 Mary A.	F	"	8	Ferdina Gagnon	Nathalie Canonette . . .	Farmer	"	"
	7 Arthur	M	"	8	Michel Nadeau	Philomene Nadeau	Operative	"	"
	10 Joseph A. R.	M	"	3	Adelard Libby	Alice Lapine	Physician	"	"
	15 Ben. F.	M	"	3	Frank E. Libby	Emma J. Estes	Paymaster G F M Co	Somersworth	Lynn

Dec. 18 John	M	.	.	.	L	4	John Ryan	Lois E. Horne	Operative	Somersworth	Somersworth
17 Annie P. . . . .	.	F	.	.	"	2	Alphonse Lanotte	Heloise Plante	Laborer	Canada	Canada
17 Arthur W. W.	M	.	.	.	"	2	Lewis Demers	Alice Cartier	Operative	"	Somerville
18 Fleurida . . . . .	.	F	.	.	"	3	Jos. Demeraiis	Obeline Pouliott	"	Connecticut	Canada

MARRIAGES.

Marriages Registered in the City of Somersworth for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Number of Marriages.	Name, Residence, etc., of person by whom Married.
Jan. 10	Somersworth	Oscar Hobbs	Rochester, N. H. . . .	26	Shoemaker	Farmington	John F. . . . Melinda	1	Rev. John Duddy,
18	"	Mary A. Sullivan	Somersworth	21	. . . . .	. . . . .	John Julia	1	Somersworth.
		Sigsford Dube	"	23	Mill operative	Canada	Ferdinand Elnore	1	Rev. C. Demers,
20	Dover	Marie Lemelin	"	18	"	"	John Emma	1	Somersworth.
		Leland C. Grant	Shapleigh, M. E. . . .	25	Farmer	Shapleigh	Lobby S. . . . Sarah A. . . .	1	Rev. John E. Dune,
		Minerva C. Perkins. . . .	"	27	. . . . .	"	Henry Lydia	1	Dover.
25	Somersworth	Joseph A. Gamache . . .	Nashua	24	Clerk	Canada	Gaspar Demarise	1	Rev. C. Demers,
28	"	Sophie Paradise	Somersworth	22	Dressmaker	"	Frank Rosalie	1	Somersworth
		Arthur H. Preney	Bath, Me.	21	Grocer	Bath, Me.	Joseph Ella	1	Edward Perusse, J. P.,
		Mellisa E. Oliver	"	18	. . . . .	"	Cleveland	1	Somersworth.
Feb. 1	"	George T. Quinn	Somersworth	24	Shoemaker	Rochester	John Mary A. . . .	1	Rev. John Duddy,
1	"	Olivine Fournier	"	25	. . . . .	Somersworth	Henry Jean	1	Somersworth.
		Alfred Dunats	"	23	Mill operative	Canada	Pierre Virginia	1	Rev. C. Demers,
10	Rochester	Florida Roberge	"	24	"	"	Frances Caroline	1	Somersworth.
		Edward W. Jenness . . .	"	26	Shoemaker	So. Berwick, Me. . .	John H. . . . Harriett S. . . .	1	Rev. Wm. Ransden,
		Ann W. Yeaton.	Rochester	21	. . . . .	Rochester.	Louis D. . . . Carrie L. . . .	1	Rochester.

Feb. 17	Somersworth.	Orrin S. Emery	Somersworth	23	Fireman	Somersworth	John M.	1	Rev. Geo. A. Spencer,
		Adelaide A. Bradeen . .	Berwick	18	. . . . .	Berwick	Lucy	1	Somersworth.
24	Berwick, Me.	Chas. W. Goodrich . . .	"	34	Fireman	"	Lizzie E.	3	Rev. B. M. Webster,
		Julia M. Swett	Rochester	24	. . . . .	Rochester	Chas. H.	1	Berwick, Me.
21	Somersworth.	Wm. Croft	Somersworth	25	Mill operative	Canada	Mary M.	1	Rev. C. Demers,
		Olivine Dodier	"	20	. . . . .	" . . . . .	John	1	Somersworth.
22	"	Paul Labonte	"	20	Clerk	"	J. B.	1	Rev. C. Demers,
		Georgeana Labonte . . .	"	22	Mill operative	"	George	1	Somersworth.
22	"	Louis Devot	"	24	"	"	Marguerite	1	Rev. C. Demers,
		Adele Renard	"	21	"	"	Frank	1	Somersworth.
28	"	Felix Monroe	"	25	"	"	Felix	1	Rev. C. Demers,
		Grazilla Gosselin	"	19	"	"	Felmine	1	Somersworth.
Mar. 1	"	Ernest Brunelle	"	28	"	"	Antoine	2	Rev. C. Demers.
		Adele Renard	"	26	"	"	Adele	1	Somersworth.
13	Dover	Geo. B. Lord, Jr.,	"	26	Farmer	Somersworth	Joseph	1	Rev. C. Demers,
		Alta Austin	Dover	22	. . . . .	Dover	Rose L.	1	Somersworth.
16	Somersworth.	Alfred Trudeau	Somersworth	64	. . . . .	France	Joseph	3	Rev. C. Demers.
		Amanda St-Laurent . . .	"	26	. . . . .	Canada	Caroline	1	Somersworth.
17	"	Haman R. Farmer	Wareham, Mass.	47	Carriage Trimmer . .	. . . . .	Leon	2	Rev. James Thurston,
		Christine B. Farmer . . .	Newfields, Me.	49	Dressmaker . . . . .	. . . . .	Julia	1	Somersworth.
30	"	Chas. E. Drew	Farmington	39	Manufacturer	Acton, Me.	Ellen	2	Jas. A. Edgerly, J. P.,
		Alice M. Bryant	"	21	Book-keeper	Northw'd Narrows .	Wm. B.	1	Somersworth.
							Edmund		
							Caroline		
							Warren		
							Enma		

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Apr. 10	Lowell	Patrick Lew	Lowell	27	Stone-layer	Malone, N. Y.	Michael	1	Peter A. Fay, J. P., Lowell, Mass.
		Nellie Moran	Somersworth	28	Mill operative.	Ireland	Mary	1	
15	Salmon Falls.	Harry F. Whitehouse . .	"	21	"	"	John	1	Rev. Wm. Sandbrook,
		Lillian G. Blake	Berwick.	19	Housekeeper	"	Daniel T.	1	Salmon Falls.
19	Somersworth.	Prudent Fradette	Somersworth	19	Mill operative.	Belfast, Me.	Martha A.	1	Rev. C. Demers,
		Philomene Talbot	"	21	"	Canada	Amelia	1	Somersworth.
18	"	Emile Ferland	"	19	"	"	Jacqueline	1	Somersworth.
		Mary Prince	"	21	"	"	Joseph	1	Rev. C. Demers,
18	"	John Bergeron	"	20	"	"	Mary	1	Somersworth.
		Amanda Nadeau	"	23	"	"	George	1	Rev. C. Demers,
27	"	Harry Bowden	"	21	Baggage-master	Berwick	Celina	1	Somersworth.
		Ellen T. Grady	"	25	Stitcher.	Somersworth	Maise	1	Rev. John Duddy,
24	Dover	Jos. N. Morin	"	30	Clerk	"	Phelomene	1	Somersworth.
		Annie Desclos	Dover	23	Music teacher	"	Gilbert	1	Rev. J. J. Lessard,
25	Somersworth.	August Gagnon	Somersworth	21	Mill operative	"	Josephine	1	Dover.
		Alice Rouleau.	"	19	"	"	Vital	1	Rev. C. Demers,
							Rose	1	Somersworth.
							Samuel A.	1	Rev. John Duddy,
							Lexia A.	1	Somersworth.
							Honora	1	Rev. J. J. Lessard,
							Narcisse	1	Dover.
							Souffrenie	1	Rev. C. Demers,
							Felix	1	Somersworth.
							Philomine	1	Rev. C. Demers,
							Alfred	1	Somersworth.
							Albina	1	Somersworth.
							Onesime	1	Somersworth.
							Elmire	1	Somersworth.

Apr. 28	Somersworth.	Daniel F. Hill	Sanford	38	Laborer	Efingham.	Jos. F.	2	Mark A. Kearns, J. P.,
		Mary A. Littlefield. . .	"	37	Housekeeper	N. Berwick	Mary A.	1	Somersworth.
May 1	"	Jas. E. W. Bickford . . .	Somersworth	32	Laborer.	Berwick	Mary A.	2	Rev. W. W. Harris,
		D. Alice Wright	Boston	26	Housekeeper	Pt. Comfort, Va.	Eliza J.	1	Somersworth.
4	"	Lorenzo D. Odis	Somersworth	23	Laborer	Somersworth	Walter S.	1	Rev. Henry Hyde,
		Susan Newcome	"	20	. . . . .	Bethel, Me.	Sarah	1	Somersworth.
5	"	Wm. H. Roberts	No. Berwick	27	Mill operative	N. Berwick	Simon	1	Rev. G. B. Merritt,
		Nellie R. Nason	"	20	Housekeeper.	"	Wm. H.	1	Somersworth.
23	"	Timothe Dube	Somersworth	23	Mill operative.	Canada	Hannah G.	1	Somersworth.
		Clarilda Dumais	"	16	"	"	Almira	1	Rev. F. G. Deshais,
24	"	Chas. Michel	"	29	"	"	Hubert	1	Somersworth.
		Josephine Gosselin	"	21	"	"	Honorie	1	Rev. F. G. Deshais,
June 8	"	Adelard Vanasse.	"	17	"	"	Hector	1	Somersworth.
		Marie A. P. D'Ojore	"	18	"	"	Adèle	1	Rev. F. G. Deshais,
9	"	Alfred W. Durgin	"	26	Merchant	Kittery	Joseph	1	Somersworth.
		Grace L. Frost	Berwick	20	. . . . .	Berwick	Catherine	1	Rev. F. G. Deshais,
15	"	Joseph Gagnon	Somersworth	24	Mill operative.	Canada	Adelard	1	Somersworth.
		Georgiana Lessard	"	20	"	Somersworth	Malvina	1	Rev. F. G. Deshais,
14	"	Joseph Lucier	"	21	"	"	Hilaire	1	Somersworth.
		Alphonsine Larochelle. . .	"	21	"	Canada	Camille	1	Rev. F. G. Deshais,
16	"	Chas. B. Haskell	Kennebunk	25	Newspaper	Chelsea	Benj. F.	1	Somersworth.
		Bertha E. Stuart	Wells	24	Housework	Wells	Leonard G.	1	Rev. John Collins,
							Ellen F.	1	Somersworth.
							Uriel	1	Rev. F. G. Deshais,
							Thomas	1	Somersworth.
							Anarthie	1	Rev. F. G. Deshais,
							Simon	1	Somersworth.
							Louis	1	Somersworth.
							Marie	1	Rev. John Collins,
							Chas. G.	1	Somersworth.
							Emily	1	Somersworth.
							James C.	1	Somersworth.
							Eliza A.	1	Somersworth.

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June 20	Somersworth.	Chas. F. Brackett.	Berwick, Me.	26	Laborer.	Cornish, Me.	Jos. W.	1	Rev. F. G. Deshais,
		Delvina Dufort	"	18	Mill operative	Lyndonville, Vt. . .	Annie	1	Somersworth.
23	"	William Nelson	Sanford, Me.	26	"	Portland, Me.	Delvina	1	Mark A. Kearns, J. P.,
		Sadie Harrison	Potstron, Pa.	19	"	Potstron, Pa.	Annie	1	Somersworth.
24	"	Joseph Gorman	Somersworth	21	"	Millstown, N. B. . .	Mary	1	Rev. C. Demers,
		Annie Dunais	"	21	"	Michigan	Mary A.	1	Somersworth.
29	"	James J. Carroll	Dover	23	Laborer	Dover	Henriette . . .	1	Rev. John Duddy,
		Christina A. Shattuck . .	Berwick, Me.	23	Mill operative	Sanford, Me.	Patrick	1	Somersworth.
July 1	Waltham	Edward S. Watson	Somersworth	26	School teacher	Pittsfield	Catherine . . .	1	Rev. Ralph E. Connor,
		Florence G. Marsh	Waltham, Mass	28	"	Waltham, Mass. . . .	Andrew L. . . .	1	Waltham, Mass.
12	Somersworth.	Pierre Derouin	Dover	22	Mill operative.	Canada	Ellen	1	Rev. C. Demers,
		Delia Desmarais	Somersworth	25	"	"	Daniel	1	Somersworth.
22	"	Edouard Carrier	"	19	"	"	Marguerite . .	1	Rev. C. Demers,
		Ludixine Tremblay	"	18	"	"	Medor	1	Somersworth.
Aug. 4	"	Chas. A. Blue	Rosindale, Mass.	27	Electrician	Quebec	Virginie	1	Rev. G. B. Merritt,
		Ethel F. Bickford.	Somersworth	21	"	Somersworth	Lazard	1	Somersworth.
							Celina	1	Rev. G. B. Merritt,
							Norbert	1	Somersworth.
							Martene	1	Rev. G. B. Merritt,
							Daniel	1	Somersworth.
							Mary	1	Somersworth.
							Jonathan	1	Somersworth.
							Fannie	1	Somersworth.

Aug.	2	Somersworth.	Geo. A. Bryant	Somersworth	24 Shoemaker	Haverhill, Mass.	Chas. F. Lizzie James	1	Rev. John Duddy,
			Mary Judd	"	21 Mill operative.	Suncook	Rose Geo. A. Sarah	1	Somersworth.
	2	"	Wm. A. Green	Old Orchard	28 Stone-cutter	Bar Mills, Me.	John	1	Rev. Geo. H. Spencer,
			Nettie C. Peters	"	23	Oldtown, Me.	Joseph Eunice L. Alvah	1	Somersworth.
	15	"	Harry H. Potts	No. Berwick	23 Mill operative.	St. Johns, N. B.	Abbie L. Jean Celina	1	Rev. Geo. H. Spencer,
			Grace A. Knight	"	18	N. Berwick	Xavier Celine Maxime	1	Somersworth.
	16	"	Ferdinand Ruel	Somersworth	20 Mill operative	Canada	Marie Margaret Alexander	1	Rev. C. Demers,
			M. C. Valliere	"	19 "	"	Enna Porter H. Eunice E.	1	Somersworth.
	10	"	Pierre Vermette	"	22 "	"	Nattie John Mary	1	Rev. C. Demers,
			Marie L. Laliberte	"	23 "	Somersworth	Chas. Eliza Geo. A.	1	Somersworth.
	Sept. 1	"	Joseph W. Rafferty	"	19 Laborer	Dover	Sarah	1	Rev. John Duddy,
			Devona Stone	"	22 Housekeeper	Somersworth	Henry Dena Louis	1	Somersworth.
	1	"	Arthur McGowen	Sanford	22 Mill operative.	Sanford	Mary Chas. Eliza	1	Mark A. Kearns, J. P.,
			Alice Stockhouse	"	16	"	Germany	1	Somersworth.
	28	"	Thomas McIntyre	Somersworth	24 Mill operative	Scotland	Canada	2	Rev. Geo. H. Spencer,
			Sadie L. Folsom	Berwick	17 Housework	Berwick	Dover	1	Somersworth.
	Oct. 1	"	Edward Green	Kennebunk	29 Farmer	Nova Scotia	Berwick	2	Rev. Geo. H. Spencer,
			Annie A. Dunn	"	39 Housework	Germany	Canada	1	Somersworth.
	30	"	Eli Deronin	Somersworth	26 Laborer	Canada	Mary Levi Manda J.	2	Harry V. Moore, J. P.,
			Lydia St. Peter	"	25 Housework	"	John Hannah	1	Somersworth.
	23	Berwick . . .	Harry L. Rowe	Dover	23 Gardener	Dover	Berwick	1	Rev. W. R. Merrill,
			Ida M. Knox	Berwick.	17	Berwick		1	Berwick, Me.

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Oct. 30	Somersworth.	Alfred Dauphin	Dover	21	Laborer	Malone, N. Y.	Gabriel	1	Rev. C. Deners,
		Eliza Roy	Somersworth	19	Mill operative	Canada	Clara	1	Somersworth.
25	"	Octave Lariviere	"	32	Laborer	"	Agabit	1	Rev. C. Deners,
		Virginie Alon	"	40	Housework	"	Octave	2	Somersworth.
Nov. 4	"	Adolph Sampson	"	25	Shoemaker	"	Zepherin	1	Somersworth.
		Annie L. King	Kennebunk	19	Mill operative	"	Eulalie	1	Mark A. Kearns, J. P.,
7	"	Henry J. Roberts	Somersworth	21	Brakeman	Somersworth	Israel	1	Somersworth.
		Bridget Fogarty	"	21	. . . . .	Cambridge	Frank	1	Rev. John Duddy,
9	"	John S. Barnes	Newport, Me.	25	Hotel Clerk	Newport, Me.	Abraham	1	Somersworth.
		Grace M. Jones	Somersworth	21	Housework	Farmington	Clara	1	Rev. John C. Osgood,
16	So. Berwick..	Chas F. Crockett	"	44	Farmer	Somersworth	John	1	East Rochester.
		Frances P. Shorey	So. Berwick	36	. . . . .	So. Berwick	Bridget	1	Rev. J. B. Moody,
16	Somersworth.	Fred S. Hubbard	Boston	25	Clerk	Somersworth	Thomas	1	So. Berwick, Me.
		S. Maude Fessenden	Bridgton, Me	20	Clerk	Sandy Creek, Me	Priscilla	1	Rev. Geo. H. Spencer,
20	"	Frank A. Wixson	Berwick	32	Teamster	Augusta	Mary	1	Somersworth.
		Mary L. Saville	"	20	Housework	Vermont	Chas. H.	1	Rev. Geo. H. Spencer,
							Elizabeth P.	1	Somersworth.
							Wm.	1	Rev. Geo. H. Spencer,
							Geo. F.	1	Somersworth.
							Lucy A.	1	Somersworth.
							Lazare	1	Somersworth.
							Mary L.	1	Somersworth.

Nov. 22	Somersworth.	Albert S. Leonard . . .	Somersworth . . .	22	Conductor . . .	Somersworth . . .	A. C. . . .	1	Rev. John Collins, Somersworth.
24	"	Rebina R. Rayner . . .	Milton . . .	19	Stitcher . . .	P. E. Island . . .	Charlotte John W. . .	1	
		Frank Smith . . .	Andover . . .	26	Teamster . . .	Lewiston . . .	Geo. . . .	1	Mark A. Kearns, J. P., Somersworth.
25	"	Alice Moulton . . .	Berwick . . .	25	Housework . . .	S. Reading, Mass.	Lizzie . . .	1	
		Eugene H. Clement . .	Manchester . .	46	Machinist . . .	Rollinsford . . .	Fred C. . .	1	Somersworth.
		Luella W. Morrill . . .	" . . .	47	Housework . . .	Manchester . . .	Abbie E. . .	1	Rev. W. W. Harris, Somersworth.
22	"	Adelard Hammel . . .	Somersworth . .	20	Mill Operative . .	Canada . . .	Geo. F. . .	2	
		Delvina Trudel . . .	" . . .	21	" . . .	" . . .	Sarah . . .	1	Rev. C. Demers, Somersworth.
9	"	Ferdinand Belanger . .	" . . .	32	Insurance . . .	" . . .	James H. . .	2	
		Mary Labonte . . .	" . . .	19	Mill operative . .	" . . .	Elsie . . .	1	Somersworth.
		Henry L. Horne . . .	" . . .	47	Lumberman . . .	Sanford . . .	Benj. . . .	2	Rev. C. Demers, Somersworth.
Dec. 23	"	Jessie E. Boyd . . .	" . . .	26	Housework . . .	Nova Scotia . . .	Mary . . .	1	
		Walter J. Day . . .	N. Berwick . . .	18	Hostler . . .	N. Berwick . . .	Frank . . .	2	Rev. John Collins, Somersworth.
24	"	Minnie M. Knight . . .	S. Berwick . . .	20	" . . .	S. Berwick . . .	Marguerite Leavitt C. .	1	
							Sylvia . . .	1	Rev. Geo. H. Spencer, Somersworth.
							Thomas . . .	1	
							Elizabeth . .	1	
							Ruben . . .	1	
							Josie . . .	1	
							Charles . . .	1	
							Eliza . . .	1	

DEATHS.

Deaths Registered in the City of Somersworth for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date, of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Sex.		Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.	
		Years.	Months.		Days.	Male.					Female.
Jan.	3 Frank B. Bogart	23	10	2	Kittery, Me.	M	W	Aaron Bogart	Jane Philleps	Drowned.	
	8 Frank H. Dorr	27	7	3	Somersworth	M	"	Chas. M. Dorr	Eunice Hayes	Tubercular.	
	9 Arthur Noyes	56	11	14	"	M	"	A. L. Noyes	Hannah Freetley	Apoplexy.	
	15 Oelene Bilodeau	27	6	"	Canada	F	"	Cyrille Bilodeau	Dolina Morin	Acute tuberculous.	
	16 Georgina Plante	17	1	8	"	F	"	Milzare Plante	Cleotine Vachon	Consumption.	
	18 Julia Geary	75	8	"	Ireland	F	"	— Delaney	Julia Oblin	Dropsy.	
	19 Marie Morrin	42	5	"	Canada	F	"	"	"	"	
	21 Abigail B. Hubbard	78	4	17	So. Berwick, Me	F	"	John Spencer	Ruth	Chronic Brights.	
	22 Marie Gagnon	24	10	"	Canada	F	"	Louis Bonlie	Florida Labonte	Acute tuberculous.	
	25 Elodie Bonlie	29	5	1	Somersworth	F	"	Patrick Curran	Adell Lavertie	Pneumonia.	
Feb.	1 Mary Thibandeau	29	5	"	Canada	F	"	Edward —	— Perreault	"	
	5 Georgeana Perreault	53	8	"	"	F	"	Andrew Crockett	Jane Emery	Civohasis.	
	9 Charles H. Crockett	81	8	21	Ossipee	M	"	George Worcester	Augusta Hayes	— gangrene.	
	10 George O. Worcester	81	8	"	"	M	"	Edward Howard	Bridget Moran	Congestion of lungs.	
	11 Bridget Riley	61	7	"	Ireland	F	"	John McGean	Bridget Loftis	Consumption.	
	12 Catherine Nowell	57	5	"	"	F	"	"	"	Apoplexy.	
	12 Marie Lepage	38	5	"	Canada	M	"	Daniel Hodsdon	Jane Foye	Hemorrhage.	
	12 Daniel H. Hodsdon	38	5	"	Berwick, Me.	M	"	Dennis Durgin	Hannah Corter	Bronchitis.	
	13 Annie Durgin	84	1	9	Somersworth	M	"	James Butler	Hannah Grant	Tuberculous.	
	17 David G. Butler	26	2	19	Berwick, Me.	M	"	Jeremiah Donahue	Julia Crowley	Distocia.	
Mar.	18 Peter Perreault	2	19	"	"	M	"	Peter Perreault	Catherine Gallagher	Disease of heart.	
	22 Marie Vincent	72	4	25	Lebanon, Me	M	"	Thomas Legro	Darcus Goodwin	Tuberculous of lungs.	
	23 John Legro	24	7	16	Somersworth	M	"	Humphrey Sullivan	Mary Keleher	Empysema of lungs.	
	25 Timothy Sullivan	24	4	3	"	F	"	Joseph Royer	Marie Charette	"	
	1 Elina Royer	33	3	"	"	M	"	James Jubert	Hannah Coyle	Mitral regengitatin.	
	3 Joseph Jubert	55	4	"	Dudley, Mass	F	"	Danforth Hall	Rachel Caswell	Pneumonia.	
	4 Elizabeth Caswell	53	2	"	Canada	F	"	Edward Perreault	Georgeana Perreault	Phthisis Pulmonalis.	
	5 Georgeana Perreault	67	9	"	"	F	"	Leon Gagnon	— Vale	Ulceration of stomach.	
	13 Marie Gagnon	67	9	"	Lebanon, Me	F	"	Geo. McGriffus	—	Gastro enteritis.	
	10 ——— Leahy	10	—	"	Somersworth	M	"	John Leahy	Julia Connors	"	

Mar.	13	Mary A. Stanton	47	Ireland	F	W	John King	Cancer.
	19	Artry Lebleux	31	Canada	F	"	Florence Crowley	Lagrippe and hemorrhage.
	19	Mary Murray	40	Somersworth	F	"	John G. Dunn	Consumption.
	20	John G. Dunn	39	Canada	M	"	Rislis Ethier	"
	21	Edmond Ethier	32	"	M	"	Patrick Kelley	"
	23	Annie Hill	33	Ireland	M	"	Stephen Langley	Pneumonia.
	25	Horace Langley	69	So. Berwick, Me.	M	"	Stephen Holmes	Hiccough.
	28	"	1	Somersworth	F	"	Stephen Drapau	Distocia.
Apr.	30	Esther F. Lowd	70	Canada	F	"	Ferdinand Lemenc	Typhoid fever.
	2	Rose A. Lemenc	19	"	F	"	Henry Lacaque	Phthisis.
	2	Lena Leclerc	44	"	F	"	James Clark	Phthisis pulmonalis.
	6	Josephine Burke	31	"	F	"	James G. Dunlop	Old age.
	6	Susan B. Longee	87	N. Berwick, Me.	F	"	Hopolly Sauvin	Ailment of bowels.
	8	Maria Antonette	5	Somersworth	F	"	Alexander Stickney	Pneumonia.
	15	Mary Pouliott	69	Canada	M	"	Timothy Kelleher	Hemorrhage.
	16	Joseph A. Stickney	69	Concord	F	"	Royal Keeth	"
	16	Catherine Geary	66	"	F	"	Alphonse Liberty	Apoplexy.
	19	Sarah J. Woods	65	Ireland	F	"	Daniel Cheney	Debility of old age.
	21	Catherine Hourahan	80	"	F	"	Cloris Perron	Convulsions.
	25	Alphonse Liberty	7	Somersworth	M	"	Martin Ball	Apoplexy.
May	30	Benjamin Cheney	76	Wells, Me.	M	"	Charles Roy	Meningitis.
	2	Eldridge Perron	8	Somersworth	F	"	Chas. E. Gerrish	Suffocation.
	5	Martin Ball	9	"	M	"	Chas. Fecteau	"
	9	Ludger Roy	5	Somersworth	M	"	Michael Chenard	Bridgesson.
	9	Vearn Gerrish	6	"	M	"	Albert Gaudette	Meningitis.
	10	Charles Fecteau	4	Canada	M	"	Simeon Hutcherson	Drowned.
	15	Emanud Chenard	7	"	M	"	Horace Chapman	Oapillary Bunfetu
	18	Joseph A. Gaudette	7	Somersworth	M	"	John Parsons	Consumption.
	21	James Hutcherson	57	"	F	"	Joseph Desjardins	Bright's disease.
	22	Nellie M. Nash	42	Laconia	F	"	James B. Stuppleigh	Acute Peritonitis.
	22	Nellie Parsons	4	Somersworth	F	"	Andre Sapeau	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
	22	Josephine Madon	19	"	M	"	Baptiste Mathiot	Bright's disease.
	24	Richard W. Stuppleigh	35	Canada	F	"	Joseph Lessard	Paralysis.
June	31	Josephine Houle	54	"	F	"	Frank Richard	Pneumonia.
	3	Rose A. Lessard	77	"	F	"	Humphrey Sullivan	Stillborn.
	3	Estache Houle	2	Canada	F	"	Joseph Provencher	Stillborn.
	5	Richard	4	Somersworth	F	"	Hilaire Laradeau	Tuberculosis of lungs.
	7	Hannah Sullivan	26	"	F	"	James O'Kane	Congestion of lungs.
	9	Laurendeau	1	Somersworth	M	"	Joseph Vachon	Convulsions.
	10	Laurendeau	1	"	F	"	Aswell Bean	Convulsions.
	10	Margaret O'Kane	1	"	M	"	Elijah Packard	Cancer of stomach.
	11	Rufus R. Bean	72	Falmouth, Me.	M	"	John Lewis	Bright's disease.
	11	Jacob L. Packard	2	Buckfield, Me.	M	"	"	Convulsions.
	12	Joseph A. Plante	3	Canada	M	"	"	Pneumonia.
	12	Charles Lewis	5	Edingham	M	"	"	"
	19	"	46	"	M	"	"	"

Deaths Registered in the City of Somersworth for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.—Continued.

Date, of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Sex.		Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Month. Days.		Male.	Female.				
June	18 Milissa Johnson	58	6	7		F	W	Isar Cato	Almina Buty	Phthisis
	20 Ephrem Terrien	36	8	22	M		"	John Decatur	Abigail Babb	Concussion of brain.
	22 Lorenzo E. Decatur	66	8	22	M		"	Isaac Marshall	Dorothy Lord	Paralysis of throat.
	22 George H. Marshall	44	9		M		"	Morais Bourque	Josephine Lacasse	Convulsions.
July	24 Hernelia Bourque	4	9		F		"	Richard Verge	Celina Derouin	Consumption.
	11 Celina Rollard	21			F		"	James Langee	Pheten Carter	Apoplexy.
	22 Yeome C. Dussault	70	9		F		"	Leon Dussault	Gaston Tanguay	Cholera infantum.
	22 Mary Valliere	11			F		"	Edward Valliere	Virginie Valliere	Phthisis.
Aug.	23 Gideon Fournier	3	9		M		"	Fred Mertvier	Celina Libby	Poisoning (by oil).
	23 Fred Mertvier	3	9		M		"	Fred E. Lord	Bessie M. Richards	Cholera infantum.
	23 Harry A. Lord	7	3		M		"	Etienne Gagnon	Bella Door	"
	2 Eddie Gagnon	7	12		M		"	Paul Wentworth	Sallie Libby	Shock.
	4 Dorothy Pitman	75	4	20	F		"	Napoleon Roberge	Cecil Laundry	Cholera infantum.
	7 Adelaud Roberge	2	12		M		"	Joseph Thuivotte	Adalie Mercier	Bronchitis.
	7 Joseph Adelaud	10			M		"	Arthur Lebel	Euphrasie Blanchette	Cholera infantum.
	8 Albert Lebel	2	7		M		"	Wm. Potvin	Georgina Dionne	Localized peritonitis.
	10 Rosie Potvin	23	5		F		"	Simon Locke	Olive Guishman	Old age.
	10 Abigail L. Hill	81	3		F		"	Pierre Fleury	Mary Dair	Cholera infantum.
	10 Alphonse Fleury	18			M		"	Ernest Perreault	Denerise Gosselin	Congestion of the lungs.
	11	1			M		"	Godfrey Gregoire	Mary Boutiluc	Cholera infantum.
	16 Emile Gregoire	1			M		"	Alpeo Rothalle	Cleante Michaud	"
	16 Alfred Rothalle	4	8		M		"	Alfred Perreault	Clementina Roy	"
	16 Emma Perreault	2			F		"	Alexander Lessard	Elise Nadeau	Meningitis.
	18 Henry Lessard	6			M		"	Vital Lamb	Marilda Perron	Cholera infantum.
	16 Joseph Lamb	1			M		"	Phileas Chabot	Alixna Roy	Tuberculosis of lungs.
	20 Sinai Chabot	4			M		"	James Collins	Ellen Keleher	Consumption.
	21 Thomas F. Collins	20	9		M		"	Damase Vashon	Mary Lessard	Drowned.
	25 Mary L. Vashon	21	5		F		"	Joseph Graham	Margaret McLellan	Cholera infantum.
	27 Albert Graham	14			M		"	Dudley A. Garland	Rose H. Cole	Achusionis disease.
	27 Ella L. Hill	42	8		F		"	Dan't G. Rollins	Susan B. Jackson	Oedema of the lungs.
	30 Daniel G. Rollins	54	10	12	M		"			

Aug.	30	Joseph Lucien . . .	11	23	Somersworth . . .	M	W	Odelon Vachon. . .	Georgiana Potvin . . .	Cholera infantum.
	31	Margaret Carrigan . . .	23		Scotland . . .	F	"	Patrick Carrigan . . .	Ann McFadrig . . .	Consumption.
Sept.	1	Beatrice Goulet . . .	3		Somersworth . . .	F	"	Leinent Goulet . . .	Della Roy . . .	Cholera infantum.
	2	Joseph Bolduc . . .	3		"	F	"	Joseph Bolduc . . .	Adeline Bénéard . . .	"
	5	Mary A. Foley . . .	12		"	F	"	Wm. Foley . . .	Mary Lacombe . . .	Infantile debility.
	5	Margaret F. Walker . . .	13	14	"	F	"	William Walker . . .	Margaret Cassey . . .	Typhoid fever.
	5	Ellena Vancourt . . .	5	9	"	F	"	Jean Vaincourt . . .	Emma Pomerleau . . .	Cholera infantum.
	7	George Jelbert . . .	5	10	"	M	"	Napoleon Jolbert . . .	Marie Coure . . .	"
	8	Raymond Howland . . .	1		"	M	"	Michael Howland . . .	Margaret Henegan . . .	Premature birth.
	8	Eva Drapeau . . .	4	9	"	F	"	Honore Drapeau . . .	Kilila Valliere . . .	Cholera infantum.
	10	Joseph Goe . . .	62		Canada . . .	M	"	Jean B. Lebel . . .	Georgiana Bernard . . .	Albuminuria.
	13	Vivian J. Lebel . . .	7		Somersworth . . .	M	"	Jeremie Berger . . .	Mathabel Gordon . . .	Cholera infantum.
	13	Nathan Wentworth . . .	69	4	Lebanon, Me . . .	M	"	Joshua Cushman . . .	Alice Merchand . . .	Cancer.
	15	Jennie Berger . . .	5		Somersworth . . .	F	"	Alphonse Nadeau . . .	Elizabeth McDonald . . .	Cholera infantum.
	17	Isabel Bean . . .	34	11	P. E. Island . . .	F	"	Joseph Lessard . . .	Marie Lacasse . . .	Consumption.
	17	Emma Nadeau . . .	7		"	M	"	Lorenzo Hersom . . .	Rosalie Jacques . . .	"
	18	Paul Lessard . . .	21		"	M	"	—Gilpatrick . . .	Nathia Tebbetts . . .	"
	18	Alton E. Hersom . . .	39	5	Berwick, Me . . .	M	"	Solomon Duford . . .	Minnie Furbush . . .	Consumption.
	20	Henry C. Gilpatrick . . .	65	9	So. Berwick, Me . . .	M	"	Michael Doolan . . .	Delvina Bedard . . .	Drowning.
	22	James Carrigan . . .	8		"	M	"	Nae Hunt . . .	Catharine Shanahan . . .	Atelectasis.
	22	Joseph Narcoise Duford . . .	117		"	M	"	John Allaire . . .	Victoria Cormier . . .	Convulsions.
	26	Arthur W. Doolan . . .	1	1	"	F	"	W. F. Warren . . .	Ellen Platsted . . .	"
	28	Mathilda Hunt . . .	1		"	F	"	—	—	"
	28	Dorinda Allaire . . .	31	8	"	F	"	—	—	"
Oct.	1	Orella Nadeau . . .	22		Canada . . .	M	"	—	—	"
	16	Alfred Boissonneault . . .	1	3	"	M	"	—	—	"
	17	Joseph Boissonneault . . .	5	6	"	M	"	—	—	"
	23	Alena Chabot . . .	33		"	F	"	—	—	"
	23	Marie Drapeau . . .	2	4	Somersworth . . .	F	"	—	—	"
	26	Trentlee Plante . . .	16	6	Canada . . .	M	"	—	—	"
	27	Rosilda Dionne . . .	1	9	Somersworth . . .	M	"	—	—	"
	30	Joseph Delisle . . .	1	9	Canada . . .	M	"	—	—	"
Nov.	3	Roy Libby . . .	19	6	Somersworth . . .	M	"	—	—	"
	8	Jacob L. Pitman . . .	59	12	"	M	"	—	—	"
	13	Gideon Barabee . . .	56	4	Canada . . .	M	"	—	—	"
	19	Pierre Lafleur . . .	27		"	M	"	—	—	"
	19	Dennis McSherry . . .	3	1	Somersworth . . .	F	"	—	—	"
	25	Wilfred Rene . . .	26	3	Nashua . . .	M	"	—	—	"
	25	Mary Custan . . .	1	9	Somersworth . . .	M	"	—	—	"
Dec.	1	Rose Roberge . . .	5	7	"	F	"	—	—	"
	7	Fred Lucier . . .	5		"	F	"	—	—	"
	14	Eva Dumas . . .	66	11	Somersworth . . .	F	"	—	—	"
	14	Hannah F. Hamblett . . .	9		"	F	"	—	—	"
	24	Marie C. Breton . . .	9		"	F	"	—	—	"

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Typhoid fever.

Cholera infantum.

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Brights disease of kidneys.

Cerebral hemorrhage.

Cholera infantum.

Inflammation of bowels.

Pulmonary tuberculosis.

Convulsions.

Acetis from liver disease.

Gastro enteritis.

Lamg—tes.

Phthisis.

Nephritis and cordiac.

Asthma.

Pneumonia.

Nonatorum.

Heart failure.

Gastro-enule.

Premature birth.

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Date, of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.		Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.				
Dec. 31	Marie A. Vachon	4	10	.	Somersworth . .	..	F	W	Anselme Vachon . . .	Delia Vachon.	Meningitis followed by dropsy.
16	Wm. Lacousse	20	.	.	..	M	..	"	Adolph Lacousse . .	..	Killed by train—B. & M. R. R.
16	Alexander Nadeau	1	11	7	Canada	M	..	"	Alphonse Nadeau . .	Marie Lacousse . . .	Coxalgia.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MARK A. KEARNS, City Clerk.

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